Record

of

The Acts and Proceedings of
The Board of Superintendents of
The Theological Seminary

of

The Protestant Reformed Dutch
Church.

A.D. 1840

We the undersigned Professors of sacred Theology in the Reformed Dutch Church, by this our subscription, uprightly, and in good conscience before God, declare that we heartily believe, and are persuaded that all the articles, and points of doctrine contained in the confession and catechism of the Reformed Dutch Church together with the explanation of some points of the said doctrine made in the National Synod held at Dordrecht in the year 1619, do fully agree with the word of God. We promise therefore that we will diligently teach and faithfully defend the aforesaid doctrine, and that we will not inculcate or write, either publicly or privately, directly or indirectly anything against the same, As also that we reject not only all the errors which militate against this doctrine and particularly those which are condemned in the above mentioned Synod, but that we are disposed to refute the same; Openly, to oppose them, and to exert ourselves in keeping the Church pure from such errors. Should it nevertheless hereafter happen, that any objections against the doctrine might arise in our minds, or we entertain different sentiments we promise that we will not either publicly, or privately propose, teach, or defend the same by preaching, or writing, until we have first fully revealed such sentiments to the General Synod unto whom we are responsible - that our opinions may in the said General Synod receive a thorough examination being ready always cheerfully to submit to the judgement of the General Synod under the penalty in case of refusal to be censured by said Synod. And whenever the General Synod upon sufficient grounds of suspicion, and to preserve the uniformity, and purity of doctrine may deem it proper to demand from us a more particular explanation of our sentiments respecting any article of the aforesaid confession, Catechism or explanation of the National Synod, we promise to be always willing or ready to comply with such demand under the penalty

before mentioned, reserving to ourselves the right of rehearing, or a new trial if we shall conceive ourselves aggrieved in the sentence of the General Synod, during the dependance of which new trial we promise to acquiesce in the judgement already passed, as well as finally to submit without disturbing the peace of the churches to the ultimate decision of the General Synod.

(Signed)

	September 3. 1823	John DeWitt
	May 24th 1825	Philip Milledoler
	November 9th 1825.	S. S. Woodhull
(Inaugurated)	May 3rd 1826	Jas S. Cannon.
	September 26th 1832	Alex McClelland
	Oct. 1841	Saml A Van Vranken
	Oct. 1. 1851	Wm. B. Campbell.
	Oct 1st 1852	John Lindsley
(Inaugurated)	Dec 2nd 1857	S. M. Woodbridge
	Sept. 24. 1861.	Jas. T. Berg
	Sept 22 1863	John De Witt.
	Sept. 19. 1865	David D. Demarest
	Sept 24. 1872.	A B Van Zandt

Acts of the Board for the government of the Theological Seminary as Reported by The Revd. C. C. Cuyler

These acts relate to the Professors and students as to the first.

Resolved. that the Professors be requested severally, to report in writing, to this board at the opening of their meeting in May annually the state of the school, and an account of the conduct and attention of the students during the session of the school.

As to the Students

Resolved.

I In order to admission. That in all future applications for admission into the school, in addition to the Diploma or certificate of literary standing and certificate of church membership but for requested. applicants shall always be examined on the subject of their experimental acquaintance with religion and that all such inquiries shall be made as to the character and qualifications generally of the candidates, as shall enable the Board in the best practicable manner to determine on their admission or Rejection.

II To secure the regular attendance of students - That in any case in which any student shall absent himself from the lectures of either of the professors, such student shall offer a written excuse for every such delinquency -

III To maintain discipline in the school. That whenever in consequence of any delinquency, any student has been suspended from the school by the Professors, the case of such student be lain before the board at its first session after such suspension, in as much as the Genl. Synod. have vested in the Board the power to remove immoral or incompetent students

IV To preserve a proper regard over Beneficiaries - That it be hereafter a standing rule of this Board, that all indigent students receiving aid from the funds, be directed to lay before the board an account of their expenditures previous to their receiving any additional appropriations. -

V In order to regulate the practice of public exhortations and preaching among the students. That the board highly disapprove of such practice and that no student be allowed either to preach or lecture unless under the immediate inspection of the Professor or Professors.

and Further That while the Board do decidedly disapprove of the practice of Theological students in the seminary publicly and indiscriminately lecturing or preaching - yet they have no objections that students of the Senior Class should deliver public exhortations in New Brunswick or its vicinity provided such exhortations be first wholly committed to writing and first presented to and approved by at least one of the Professors in the Institution

VI That every member of each successive Senior Class at their final examination, shall deliver his sermon before this Board from memory -

VII That the Board have been in the regular practice of requiring such of the members of the 2d & 3d Classes at the annual examination, to lay a sermon on the table for the inspection of the Board.

VIII The Board have recommended that special attention be devoted by the students to the art of sermonizing and particularly to the analizing of subjects and the delivery of sermons

IX That they have adopted as the standing regulations of the Library, certain rules reported in a place for the same by Professor Sudlow. - viz -

1 The library shall be statedly opened every Friday for 3/4 of an hour immediately after the recitation.

2 Books taken from the Library to be kept no longer than as follows

a Folio	5	weeks
" Quarto	4	do
" Octavo	3	do
" Duodecimo	2	"

3 no more than 4 books (text books excepted) to be taken out at one time, but no two of the same size.

4 Text books may be kept during the session -

5 Moshiams & Histories - one vol. to be taken at a time as the records require with the privilege of retaining the preceding volume.

6 Commentaries compiled for several purposes to be kept for one week with the privilege of renewing them, provided no other application be made for the same volume.

7 Members of the grammar School to take but 1 book at a time.

8 No book to be taken from the library until regularly registered.

9 Every person returning a book shall place it on the table in the room.

10 If any book be lost the person to whom it is charged shall procure a new copy & if a set be broken a new set made he procuring the broken one as his own property.

11 If any book be torn or otherwise injured it shall be the duty of the librarian at his discretion either to assess the damage sustained or oblige the person to procure a new copy, he taking the injured copy as his own property.

12 No books to be taken from town except with the permission of the Board.

X Then have resolved that the President of the Board or some person appointed for the purpose make election and address to the Students at the commencement & termination of each session.

XI. The Board resolved That it be the duty of the Student Clerk to publish in the Christian Intelligencer & the Farm Observer a notice of the meeting of the Board at least three weeks previous to such meetings, & also transmit a copy of such notice to the Pastor of the Church in New Brunswick to be read from the pulpit & that he on reading in his notice also the name of the person appointed to preach the sermon -

Art I

The House of Representatives of the Evangelical Church of the United States in Synod convened in Baltimore Saturday, June 11 at 8 o'clock A.M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. [illegible] D. Rupley, D.D. President of the last Synod.

Art II.

On motion, the roll of the following ministers and elders was called

Rev. [illegible] Illing, D.D.
" Henry [illegible] Rupley, D.D.
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]
" [illegible]

Art III. Election of Officers

The rules were suspended to the election of the Rev. Nathaniel Illing, D.D. as President. and

Rev. [illegible] Stellwagen Secretary, and [illegible] Secretary pro tem.

Art IV. Reading of minutes

The minutes of the last sitting of the Synod were read.

Art V. Standing Committee

A committee was appointed consisting of the Revs. Henry [illegible] Rupley, D.D. and the Rev. Cornelius Van Sluyk to inform the Theological Faculty that the Synod was ready to receive any communication from them.

The following standing Committees were appointed

On Professorial Report

Revs Isaac N Wyckoff D.D.
" Thomas Brown
" John A. Hodge

On Synodical Report

Revs Isaac N Wyckoff D.D.
" John C. Hoes
" Cornelius Dyke

On Synodical Minutes

Revs Cornelius Clark
" John Anderson
" Peter Gatzlaff

On the Admission of Students

Revs John Knox D.D.
" Hamilton Wells
" John Van Zandt

Art VI Communications

A Report from the Theological Faculty was received and referred to the committee on Professorial report

Art VII Examinations

On the afternoon of the first day of the session Mr Mitchell commenced the examination of the Junior and Middle Classes in Hebrew and Biblical Theology
Dr McClelland examined the Junior Class in Hebrew and the Middle Class in Greek.
Mr Cannon examined the Junior and Middle Classes on Church History. Church Government and Pastoral Theology. and the Senior Class on Pastoral Theology and Sacred History
On the morning of the second day of the session the examination was suspended.

The Senior and Middle Classes were requested to lay their sermons on the table for the inspection of the Board on the morning of the third day of the session.
The Board met in the Chapel and heard specimens of sermonizing and preaching by the Senior Class.
The Senior Class were examined on their personal piety and views in entering the Ministry.
The Board then proceeded to deliberate and the following resolutions were passed,

Resolved that the examination be sustained.
Resolved that the following young Gentlemen constituting the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for their proper professorial Certificates viz

John B Ellinger	David N Vermeule
Jacob Bockstaum	William McPhee
John D Vanaway	Robert Pitts
Martin L Schenck	Peter Ostrander
William H Steele	John C Staats
George Schenck	William F Van Doran
Robert Van Lindingh	John Whitlock
John H Sheffield	

The annual address was delivered by the Revd Wilhelmus Elting A.M.

Art VIII Reports of Committees

The committee appointed to attend to the admission of students to the seminary reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows

The committee appointed by the last Board to attend to the admission of students into the Theological College, beg leave to Report

That they met with the Theological Faculty on Tuesday the 15 September 1839 at 11½ o'clock A.M.

Present Wilhelmus Elting A.M.
Rensselaer Wells
Jacob C Sears

The Revd Wilhelmus Elting A.M. was appointed Chairman and The Revd Rensselaer Wells was appointed Clerk

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman.
The following young Gentlemen made application for admission into the Seminary, viz

Abraham C. Ryerson	Andrew J. Gaylor
Victor M. Hutton	Barnabas C. Collins
Ralph Willey	Cornelius C. Cuyler
Martin L. Schoonmaker	John N. Schultz
William W. Halloway	Cornelius J. Brower
Elbert S. Porter	Theodore W. Wyckoff
John S. Kimball	A. Marcellus Cole

The committee being satisfied with the credentials of the young Gentlemen proceeded to examine them as to their personal piety – and their views for seeking the Gospel Ministry – and the examination being satisfactory it was

On motion Resolved – that they be admitted to the privilege of the Theological College.

After which the Chairman of the Board addressed them on the importance of the work towards which they were looking and the necessity of a diligent application to their studies – and fervent and daily prayer for the blessing of God upon their efforts.

The case of Mr Abram A. Student of the Theological School was in consequence of his absence referred to the Theological Faculty to act on the premises as the circumstances of the case might require –

Closed with prayer

New Brunswick
Sep. 17th 1839.

William Elting 2d Ch.
Ransom Wells Clerk
Jacob C. Sears st. ex Clerk

The Committee on Synodical Minutes Reported – their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod beg leave to report that there were no minutes on the table for their examination. They would offer the following resolution.

Resolution – That the [illegible] be requested [illegible] of permission to present the [illegible] with the [illegible] report of the [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible]

The Committee on Professional reports [illegible]. The report was accepted amended adopted and is as follows.

The Committee on the report of the Professors respectfully submit the following report.

That according to the [illegible] of the [illegible] the professors submitted a [illegible] report [illegible] Faculty [illegible] report [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The order [illegible] from the [illegible] of [illegible] 13 belong [illegible] to the [illegible] 11 to the Middle and 13 to the Junior.

[illegible] Faculty [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Resolution [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] resolution [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

All which is respectfully submitted

[illegible]

[illegible]

The committee on synodical report reported — Their report was accepted adopted and is as follows.

The committee appointed to prepare the draft of a report to Synod, respectfully submit the following

The Board met in the library of the College on the morning of the 6th July. The following brethren attended the session

W. Elting D.D.	P. Talboys
J. W. Wyckoff D.D.	J. Reinhart
R. Wells	D. Brodhead
Thos. Frazer	J. R. Thole
John C. Van Sice	W. H. Maher
Peter D. Voss	W. T. Kerr
C. C. Vandling	C. J. Van Dyke

The following brethren appointed the Board were absent

J. M. Mathews D.D.	J. C. Hart
Garret C. Schenck	Jacques Hoff
Jacob Ward	

The Board was organized by the election of W. Elting D.D. President. R. Wells Secretary and Peter Clark

Opened with prayer. The report was received from the Theological Faculty in the following words

To the Rev. Board of Superintendents of the Theological College of the Ref. Dutch Church now convened at New Brunswick — The undersigned Professors of Theology present the following report viz.

That the whole number of Theological Students now in the Institution under their care is one hundred — of the Senior Class 15. of the Middle Class 11 and of the Junior Class 8 —

The names of the Seniors are

John B. Gillespie	Lucas Scholtens
Isaac A. Demarest	Ephraim M. Gray
John S. Vanderveer	Robert Pitts

Martin L. Schenck — Isaac T. Hughes
William H. Ely — Peter A. Stryker
George Schenck — William H. Van Horn
Robert Van Amburgh — John Wilbur
John H. Sheffield

The names of the Middle Class are

James A. McCornell — Francis D. Drake
Gardiner Jones — Darius Kinsburn
Alexander C. Mettspaugh — Gilbert McP. Myers
Peter G. Randolph — William A. Turner
William J. Thompson — John Wilson
Samuel Woodbridge.

The names of the Junior Class are

Cornelius T. Blauvelt — Garret A. Colling
Cornelius E. Crispell — William W. Holloway
Edwin S. Hammond — John S. Hinrod
Victor M. Hulbert — Samuel W. Mills
Elbert S. Porter — Abraham G. Ryerson
Martin R. Schoonmaker — John M. Shultz
Andrew B. Taylor — Ralph Willis
Aaron B. Winfield — Theodore F. Wyckoff
John Dubois — and — John McWitt

That of the Senior Class 13. are Graduates of Rutgers College — of the Middle Class 9 — and of the Junior Class 13 making the whole number of Graduates now in the Seminary and received from the College 35.

Messrs Isaac T. Hughes and William H. Van Horn of the Senior Class have devoted themselves to foreign Missions

A Mr Clute admitted in Sept. last a member of the Junior class has for neglect of duty after repeated admonitions been dismissed.

Gardiner Jones of the middle Class has recently been permitted through bodily indisposition temporarily to retire, With Gratitude to the Great dispenser of every blessing we record — that General good

health has pervaded the Institution during the whole of the past year, and that the deportment of the students has been found worthy of commendation. Of their proficiency in sacred literature the Board itself will now judge from their examination.

All which is respectfully submitted

Ph. Milledoler Prof.

New Brunswick July 8th 1840. Jas. I. Cannon Prof.

Chas. W. Gilland Prof.

The Classes were examined by the professors on the several departments of study in which they had been engaged.

It was evident that a very great amount of attention and study had been given to the various subjects prescribed by Gen. Synod.

The Senior Class was examined particularly on their personal experience of piety and on their motives in entering the ministry and gave such satisfaction to the board, that it was.

Resolved, That their examination be sustained and that they be recommended to the professors for the usual professorial certificate to entitle them to an examination before the several Classes.

In view of all these facts, there is reason for adoring gratitude to God for his past favor to our schools; and abundant encouragement for confiding prayer, that the great Head of the Church will continue to bless our institution.

All which is submitted with respect

J. N. Wyckoff Chm.

Art. IX Pathenaria

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to procure a new book for record containing double the amount of paper of the former, bound in leather and suitably lettered.

Jacob A Lansing whose case was recommended to the Board by General Synod - appeared before the Board presented his credentials and was examined on experimental piety and his views in entering the Ministry - whereupon it was -

Resolved - That Mr Lansing be admitted as a member of the next Junior Class to convene September 15th 1840 -

On the evening of the first day of the session the Rev. Doan Van Olinda preached the annual sermon before the Board in the Reformed Dutch Church from John 21st 17 & 19

Mr. Isaac Vanse Pelagh was appointed Primarius and Mr Cornelius Van Cleef, Secundus, to preach the next annual sermon before the Board.

The Rev Gaston Wells was appointed Primarius and Rev John H. Pitcher Secundus to deliver the next annual address to the Students --

The following resolution was passed.

Resolved That the Stated Clerk of the board be a permanent officer. i.e. That he continue in office from year to year - until he shall resign, or any board for sufficient cause, shall elect a successor --

Resolved That it be recommended to the General Synod to appoint the meeting of this board to begin on the Sabbath or on Monday or Tuesday before the second Wednesday in June -

Resolved. That this Board recommend to the General Synod so to alter the present organization of the Board as to conform to the plan adopted by the Synod in the year 1838 -

Coll X Prumpshire and Close

The minutes were read and approved.

1840

Art. XI Adjourned

Closed with prayer and adjourned to meet on the second Wednesday of Feb. next at the Theological Hall

Wilhelmus Eling Pres.

Ransford Wells Clerk pro tem

A true copy from the original minutes.

Ransford Wells,

Stated Clerk.

1841

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church convened in Tyler Sylvius in the City of New York May 11th 1841 at 10 o'clock A.M.

Opened with prayer by the President Rev. Wilhelmus Eling D.D.

Members present.

Rev. John Van Nest D.D.	Mr. Ransford Wells
" Wilhelmus Eling D.D.	" Garret B. Stryker
" Isaac P. Labagh	" John Palmer
" Benjamin Taft	" Isaac A. Wyckoff D.D.
" Ralph Z. Westfall	" Cornl. S. Van Dyke
" John N. Abeel	" Thomas Frazer
" John M. E. Hoes	" Cornl. Van Cleef
" John C. Van Zoon	" Peter Labagh

Absent

Rev. James W. Matthews D.D. Rev. John G. Fitchen

" Silas W. Ward

Art. XI. Communications.

The President stated that he had received a communication from the Stated Clerk, addressed to the President of the Board - signed by 5 of the members of the Senior and Middle Classes of the Theological Seminary, relative to the nature and adequacy of their instruction in the Doctrine department of their Theological course - And also a constitutional request of five members of the Board to call a meeting of the Board on white grounds

the Board issued a circular and convened the present meeting.

The President placed on the table a copy of the circular entitled a meeting of the Board, which was read.

The Communication received in the shape of the summary of account of moneys thus in the hands of the Board was called. The communication was then read (See paper Letter A) —

Resolved that a committee be appointed to wait on Dr. Middleton and inform him of the resolution of the above mentioned communication.

Mr. Isaac Parker

Isaac N. Wyckoff Esq. were appointed said committee.

The committee waited upon Dr. Middleton & reported that Dr. Middleton would soon appear before the Board and resume his station & attend to the communication of the Students.

Dr. Middleton came into the Board and read a paper containing remarks on the conduct and communication of the Students, with a review of the whole document.

Dr. Middleton also a paper containing a list of charges with the specifications against the members of the Senior and Middle Classes who have signed the communication in their hands of the Board.

Dr. Middleton retired. The following resolution was passed —

Resolved, That all the papers which have been laid on the table relating to this case be referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff Esq.

" John Avery Esq.

" Isaac V. Savage

The committee reported — the report was accepted, examined, adopted and is as follows —

The committee attentively have on the papers presented to the Board by Superintendent, beg leave respectfully to submit the following viz:

That has been submitted to them,

1st A memorial, complaint, or protest signed and dated

by 24 Students of the Senior and Middle Classes of Students in the Theological School – representing certain difficulties & grievances concerning the plan and method of instruction of the Students and Trustees departments

2nd A reply to the same by Dr. Mitchell.

3rd A number of charges against the conduct of the Students in moral demeanour.

Your committee have bestowed time and [illegible] and [illegible] attention to the subjects intrusted to them, and have come to the following conclusions –

That so far as the Students have complained they have been treated with [illegible] and [illegible] to consider and examine all charges against them. – The charges of Dr. Mitchell are of a serious character and therefore your committee recommend the following resolution.

Resolved That the Board do now proceed to examine the said charges. Rec'd & Submitted [illegible] H. Hoff [illegible]

The ayes and nays were called for –

Ayes – Rev Isaac V. Lubach, Rev Brogan Huff,
" Benj. V. Westfall " John V. Steel
" John C. T. Hoes " John V. Van Sicklen
" Ransford W. Ely " David D. Schenck
" John P. Mier " Isaac A. Wyckoff Esq.
" Cornl L. Van Santvoord " Thomas Fraser
" [illegible] " Peter Lubach.

Nays

R. Wilhelmus Eling D.D. Rev [illegible] D.D.

The list of charges having been read by Dr. Mitchell.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Dr. Mitchell and present a copy of the same.

Rev Ransford Ely
" David D. Schenck were appointed Committee.

The committee reported that they had called on Dr. Mitchell and that he declines giving them a copy of the charges but would send in a written answer to the Board. The following letter was received from Dr. Mitchell

To the Board of Superintendents of F. D. G. C.

Gentlemen:

I will send you the communication which remarks as soon as it can be copied. — I stated to your Board last evening, that it was not my intention, in this stage of the business, to table charges against the young youth who have presented you a memorial.

I do not wish, if it can be avoided, to be their Prosecutor. The charges read to you last evening were solely intended to throw additional light on my remarks for the more full information of the Board. —

From what has been offered I conceive that you will be enabled to form a proper judgment of the course which it is our duty to pursue.

That you may be so directed of God in your deliberations as to preserve the public morals, the Honour of religion, and the best interests of the Church of Christ, is the prayer of

Your Brother in the bonds
of the Gospel
Philip A. Medira
New Brunswick May 11th 1841

Whereupon the following resolution was passed

Resolved That the Board find themselves in very peculiar and difficult circumstances, believing themselves to have received from Doctor Livingston a number of charges against that memorializing Students, which he offers the Board would be at their service whenever they should be called for, and which he not himself in readiness to substantiate, therefore the Board resolved to receive the said charges from the Doctor, declining to furnish them. The Board cannot recede from their request to receive those charges from the Board. Therefore,

Resolved. That the Board do now respectfully but earnestly ask of him to transmit the said charges and in case the Doctor shall decline the Board will consider him as abandoning said charges. —

The Committee was appointed to prepare the following resolution & Dr Mulledoli

Rev John F. Cox -

Gent than they were appointed -

The Committee reported that Mr Mulledoli would send in a written reply - The following was now received and ordered to be recorded -

[illegible]

Gentlemen

I have received your last resolution and although you may have been led to suppose that you have a right to demand from me specific charges against the memorializing students. I cannot permit myself at present to engage, together with the Students. They have made an urgent and unprovoked attack upon your Rep. and I have sent to your Board an answer to that approach which answer I am now copying to present to your body.

In that document there is matter enough to guide you to a proper disposal of said memorial.

When that has been done there will be time enough to attend to other matters. I wish the Board distinctly to understand that nothing I have said or charged is intended, to be abandoned when a sense of duty shall require it to be addressed.

Respectfully Yours &c &c
W. Mulledoli
Brunswick May 11th 1851

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were passed.

Whereas Dr Mulledoli read a paper before this Board containing charges of serious moral nature and against 26 of the members of the Senior and Middle Classes, which he professes to be able to substantiate and which this Board considered placed in their hands for investigation. And whereas Dr Mulledoli has declined

to give a copy of said paper to the Board after the Board had resolved to proceed in the investigation. And whereas in a second communication the Board informed the Doctor, that unless he should withdraw the said charges they would be considered as abandoned by him therefore.

Resolved. That the Board consider Dr Mitchell as abandoning the said list of charges.

The following resolution was passed

Resolved. That the Students who have signed the memorial before this Board be informed that the Board will now hear any explanation respecting the origin and matter of the memorial they have to make.

The Students appeared before the Board by a Committee consisting of C. W. Myers, J. F. Young & C. Crosfell. The above resolution was read to them, when the Committee stated that they were not authorized to make any explanations of the memorial but appeared simply to make a request. It was

Resolved. That the Committee have liberty to make their request. They then asked the Board as a favor to investigate the charges which had been made against them by Dr Mitchell. The young men withdrew. Whereupon it was

Resolved. That the Students be informed that the Board having already disposed of the whole subject in relation to which they have made their request, have no matter before them upon which any further investigation can be founded.

The papers Farnsworth submitted, disclose a state of things in the Institution which the Synod will doubtless comprehend & to their wisdom the Board at once with confidence and confidence refer the subject with the memorial of the Students, the review of Dr Mitchell and the minutes of the meeting, to determine and pursue the action, proper in the premises.

A petition of Jacob & Sanding[illegible] of the Students

of the Senior Class praying to be recommended to Gen. Synod for a dismission from the middle year of study was presented before the Board.

Resolved That and the peculiar circumstances of Mr Lansing this Board unanimously and cordially grant his request.

A communication was received from Gardenier Jones a member of the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary requesting a dismission and certificate of the board of Trustees of the Seminary in order to unite himself with the Classis of Hackensack of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved that the request be granted.

Jerry Kapen bill ordered to be paid Amt. $4.50 two

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have the minutes and documents in the case copied, and send the bill to the treasurer of General Synod.

Closed with prayer. Adjourned.

Wilhelmus Ellings Pres.

Ransford Wells, Stated Clerk

Article I.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met in stated session in the Quackenboss Hall at New Brunswick N.J. on the 13th day of July 1871 at 11 O'clock A.M. and continued the session until the afternoon of the 15th.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Wilhelmus Ellings D.D. President of the last Board.

Article II.

Calling the Roll.

The following members were present and took their seats.

Rev. Nicholas S. Marcellus — Rev. Elias E. Miller
" Langdon Noble — " Alexander Cornell
" Wilhelmus Ettinge D.D.

Rev. Isaac S. Labagh — Rev. John H. Van Wagenen
" Isaac N. Wyckoff D.D. — John Lillie
" Thomas Hongerd — Leonard J. Van Vliet
" Hugh M. Boyd — Abraham S. Suitz
John A. Liddell — Benjamin H. Van Doren
Carl C. Schmidt — Chas. C. Vanderveer
" Jacob L. Fonda *

Absent, Rev. Gabriel Ludlow,

* J. L. Fonda absent, leave of absence on the third day of this session.

Article III.

Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Nicholas S. Marcellus President, and Rev. Van Vliet Clerk pro tem.

Article IV.

Reading of the minutes.

The minutes of the last Stated Session and of the Extra Session were read.

The rules of the Board were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees.

The following Committees were appointed

On Missionary Reports, Rev. J. H. Van Wagenen, I. N. Wyckoff D.D., J. L. Fonda

On Financial Reports, Rev. Wilhelmus Ettinge D.D., R. L. Van Vliet, J. E. Miller

On approval of minutes, Rev. J. B. Labagh, M. A. Van Doren, J. Van Dewater

On the admission of students, Mr. J. C. Miller, J. Labagh, J. A. Van Doren, Rensford, Kelly, Sickels, Marsellus

Article VI.

Communications.

Three copies of the minutes of the last meeting of General Synod were presented to the Board, Clerk and Synod for the use of the Board.

The following report was received from the Theological Faculty.

To the Hon. Board of Superintendents.

The undersigned, Professors of Hebrew of Rutgers College, beg leave to report

That the students of the three classes, Senior, Middle and Junior have been instructed, in the various branches assigned to the Professors respectively, that they have generally attended with diligence to their studies — and that this diligence has been crowned with some degree of success.

There are no exceptions to this statement so frequently marked to call for particular notice. Mr. Gulick on consequence of severe illness has been almost entirely precluded from attending to his studies during the first session which accounts for his non appearance at examinations.

Jos. F. Gardner
Alex. McClelland

Which was referred to the committee on Professorial spirit.

A communication from Rev. L. Mellendaler, was received, assigning reasons for withholding his signature from the Report of the Theological Faculty, founded on certain complaints against the Students. Winnipee it was,

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the main matter complained of by the Professor as preventing him from signing the report of the Theological Faculty – has been disposed of in a manner which the Professor appears not to have been aware of at the time of sending his communication, and inasmuch as there is nothing else in said communication in such form as calls for the attention of the Board, that it be respectfully returned to him.

Article VII

Examinations –

On the evening of the second day of the Session a committee was appointed consisting of Jas. Coles C. Miller, and Abraham C. Ewing to inform Dr. Mitchelson that the Board would be ready to commence the examination of the students in his department the next morning at 8 O'clock;

And Dr McClelland in his department, at 11 O'clock A.M. Thursday morning 8 O'clock Dr Mitchelson commenced the Examination of the Middle and Senior Classes in Didactic and Pastoral Theology; and, brought the same to a close at 11 O'clock when Professor McClelland proceeded in the examination of the Senior Class in Sacred Geography, Jewish Antiquities, and the Hebrew Scriptures until 1 O'clock – At 3 O'clock P.M. Dr McClelland examined the Middle Class in the Greek Testament until 4 O'clock when Dr Cannon commenced the examination of the Middle and Senior Classes in Church History, which was continued until 6 O'clock, the hour of adjournment, and resumed again at 8 and continued for two hours when the examination on that branch was stayed –

On Friday morning from 9 O'clock till 10 Dr. Cannon examined the Senior Class in Church Government & Pastoral Theology.

The members of the Senior Class were examined on personal piety and their views in desiring to enter the ministry, and also exhibited specimens of sermonizing and preaching.

Resolved, that, the examination be sustained;

Resolved, that the following gentlemen constituting the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual Professorial Certificates viz:

James A. W. Cornell	Alexander C. Mellenaugh
Francis T. Cooke	Peter G. Randell
Joseph Kniskern	William J. Thompson
Gilbert M. Myers	William C. Turner
John Nelson	Samuel M. Woodbridge

The Annual Address was delivered by the Rev. J. Ranford Wells.

The following communication from Dr Mollenauer was received and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Isaac P. Labagh in Chair, Rev Jas Little.

W. Brunswick Sept. 15th 1851

To the Rev. Board of Superint. of the R. D. Ch. Church
Brethren

Having been called upon by a number of the Senior Class during the examination of their Professorial Certificate — I replied to them that I felt myself under a painful necessity of declining; and assigned as a reason for it; that I could not do it with conscience — meaning thereby, that I could not do it consistently with the dictates of my conscience, nor with the charges which I had alleged against them — I can assure the Board, that this is the true and only reason of my declinature, and therefore earnestly request that they will neither ascribe it to vindictive feeling towards those students, nor to a spirit of wilfulness, or of insubordination to the Board.

I am very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
P. Mollenauer

The Committee presented their report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from Dr Middleton containing an announcement that he had declined affixing his signature to the Professional certificates of the senior Class respectfully report that on examining the plan of the School they find it to be the duty of the Professors to give such certificate, and the privilege of the Students to receive it, after they shall have completed a three years course of regular study, and that nothing but an impeachment of their moral character or their intellectual qualifications can legitimately excuse the Professors from this duty. The communication assigns as the reason of his refusal the doubts of his conscience, and connects them with a reference to charges formerly alleged against the student. Your Committee cannot forbear an expression of their conviction that the ground assumed is unfounded, inasmuch as when asked upon on the occasion alluded to to substantiate his allegations he declined to do so, and withheld, after a promise to the contrary, a copy of them from the Board, not to proceed to an investigation, and gave him due notice that unless presented, they would consider them abandoned, and deem them abandoned, and that (and also gave him permission to withdraw) the paper embodying substantially these allegations.

Your Committee can find no authority for the exercise of any definitive, official action on the subject, under present circumstances by the Board, and inasmuch as the young men are entitled to secure the necessary credentials to bring them before their respective classes therefore,

Resolved, that this Board give to each of the young men of the Senior Class a certificate to present to their respective classes stating that they underwent examination, for want of the signature of said Professor under circumstances having been the origin of its being withheld; their examination having been fully satisfactory to the Board, and all the other forms of their ecclesiastical relations being complete,

Isaac P. Labagh

Ch.

Article VIII.

Reports of Committees.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed to examine and admit students into the Seminary, which was adopted, viz.

New Brunswick Sept. 16th 1841

The Theological Faculty with Revs. Dr. Fox and Rev. J. C. Van Dyck from the Committee of the Board of Superintendents, met, in the Theological Hall for the examination of students who might apply for admission to the Theological Seminary.

Dr. Milledoler was appointed Chairman.

Rev. Wm. C. Van Dyck, Secretary pro tem.

The following Gentlemen appeared, viz. Jacob A. Lansing, Nicholas Dubois Williamson, Isaac L. Kipp, Walter George, J. Van Nyce, George C. Willemson, Jaques Bennet, Elias Dodge, Genser.

The young Gentlemen all presented their evidence of Church membership and the literary certificates required by the Constitution. The Committee then proceeded to their examination upon experimental religion and their views in desiring to prepare for the Gospel ministry. The examination being concluded, and the young Gentlemen having retired, it was unanimously

Resolved, That they be admitted to the privileges of the Seminary.

The Gentlemen having then re-entered, were informed of their admission by the President, and the Rev. Dr. Knox briefly addressed them upon the importance & solemnity of the work upon which they are about to enter.

It was then upon motion

Resolved, That the Theological Professors be authorized to admit students applying for admission into the Seminary during the recess of the committee to the privileges of the institution until a meeting of the Committee shall be obtained – It being understood that the Professors shall call such meeting without any unnecessary delay.

There being no further business the committee adjourned.

W. Milledoler Chairman.

J. C. Van Cleef, Secretary.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes present the following report: That they find on the minutes of General Synod of 1831 page 318 the following vote:

"That Board present for the consideration of the Synod the present organization, which they strict a modification, is that the members chosen may serve for three years, and thus become constantly in the Board, the services of those who are familiar with its business.

In this arrangement there is an evident propriety, and the Committee accordingly recommend to Synod the following resolutions:

"Resolved. That the members of the Board be chosen hereafter for three years.

"Resolved. That the Board now chosen shall, at the ensuing meeting, arrange itself by lot into three classes: the first to serve for one year, the second for two years, and the third for three years, and that the Board report annually what seats become vacant each year."

The Committee recommend that the Board do now proceed to attend to the duty specified in the above Resolutions.

In obedience to the direction of Synod, the Board proceeded to divide its members into three classes by lot as follows:

3 years. Rev. J. J. Marsellus. Rev. J. W. VanDoren
" W. Eltinge D.D. " J. H. Van Wagenen
" J. Lillie " J. C. Vandervoort

2 years. Rev. J. E. Miller. Rev. R. Wells
" J. V. Salagh " J. J. Womegar
" A. M. Boyd " R. D. VanKleeck
" F. H. VanDuzer

1 year. Rev. J. N. Wyckoff D.D. Rev. J. D. Ponda

1841

Rev. A. J. Smith. " J. A. Liddell
" G. C. Schenck " G. Lindsay.

On pages 522 - 523 they also find the following Resolutions viz:

"Whereas, It is known by this Synod, that difficulties exist in the Theological Seminary, in connexion with the Didactic Professorship, of such a character as to require the attention of this body, therefore

Resolved. That a committee, consisting of five ministers and two elders, be appointed by this body, to convene in New Brunswick, previous to the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents, to inquire into the facts necessary to a competent understanding of the case.

Resolved. That if, upon examination, they shall find any thing in the existing mode of instruction, in said department, that, operates as a hindrance to, or fails in securing the great object, had in view, in the establishment of said branch of study, said committee be, and, hereby are authorized, so to alter, the plan and mode of instruction, as to secure the greatest attainable efficiency, and thereby carry out the designs of the Church in the institution and endowment of the School. Said committee shall submit their plan to the Board of Superintendents, for their concurrence, and it shall be agreed upon and adopted by them in joint meeting.

Resolved. That as soon as said plan shall be adopted, it shall be forthwith laid before the Didactic Professor, and shall be the law regulating the course of instruction in said department, until the next meeting of General Synod, when it shall be referred to them for revision and final action.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to take into consideration, whatever they may deem important, to the study of the Theological Seminary in any of its departments; and, if they deem it expedient, after consultation, with the Professors to report on the same.

to the next General Synod, and in any proposed
alterations in the course of study or any of the departments
such alterations, if approved by the Board of Superintendents
shall be considered as in force until the next session
of General Synod.

Resolved, That the Revs. Thomas DeWitt D.D. Andrew
Yates D.D. Benjamin C. Taylor John Garretson and
Thomas M'Clung, and the Elders William B. Crosby and
Isaac Tuttle, be said committee.

In accordance with the resolution on the foregoing
report and the direction of Synod, it was
Resolved, that the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff be added to
the committee to report the committee of Synod
[illegible]

Resolved, That the committee report to this meeting
at 3 o'clock P.M.

[illegible] the committee [illegible]
[illegible] concurred in and adopted.

The committee [illegible] to the [illegible]
[illegible] and submitted with the concurrence
of the [illegible] in general, instructions to be given to
the Regents of Academic Study, such as are
deemed [illegible] adopted and as follows

1. [illegible] shall be [illegible] to the Board of Trustees
[illegible] shall be changed, and the Professor was made
[illegible] Rev. [illegible] Rev. the students shall not
[illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]

2. The Professor shall [illegible] original, all [illegible]
[illegible] Theological Course [illegible] the study of [illegible]
[illegible] a Special [illegible] to the Canons and the
other Standards of the Church and all the medical [illegible]
[illegible]

It shall be the duty of the Didactic Professor to institute and prosecute a course of elementary instruction upon the subjects of Theology with the first, or Junior Class, regulated by the Standards of the Church, and shall prepare and be enter upon the full study of the system of Didactic Theology in the second year of their course, during which year his lectures on Didactic Theology shall be delivered — And, when the students shall arrive at the third, or Senior year the Professor shall meet them daily and they shall receive, in addition to such other instruction, as he may give them, this system of lectures on Pastoral Theology and shall be exercised by him in the writing of dissertations on such theses in divinity as he shall from time to time assign to them: Provided always that the Professor shall be required to examine the students in such manner as he may judge most advisable upon the subject of every lecture delivered by him.

It shall be the duty of the Professor to direct the attention of the students to the reading of such works on the several subjects as they receive his lectures as he may think calculated to give them full and correct information in relation to all the great doctrines received in the science of Theology and he shall from time to time satisfy himself that these works are consulted by them.

It shall be the duty of the Professor to prepare a full & exhaustive system of questions upon all the subjects of Didactic and Polemic Theology, which the students shall be obliged to answer in writing at their rooms and at their leisure and which shall form the basis of their examination before the Board of Superintendents.

(Signed) N. J. [illegible] Test:
R. G. Van Kleeck. Clerk.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Rev Wilhelmus Ming D.D. Ransford Wells Rev Isaac N. Wyckoff DD to present to the Professor of Didactic Theology the above plan of Instruction and adopted in joint meeting.

The Committee reported that they had executed their commission according to order.

(Signed)

W. Elting, Chr.

In committee on Professor's Reports, [illegible] the following [illegible] was accepted and adopted.

"They had committed to them a Report from the Theological Faculty. On this paper your Committee observe – That the report of the Faculty is more taken up with expressions of edification & commendation to the students than has been usual: – It represents that the students from the same classes have generally attended with diligence to their studies" and the diligence has been crowned with some degree of success. That there is no exception to this statement, sufficiently marked to call for particular notice – that Mr Elting has thro' illness been almost entirely incapacitated from attending to his studies during the last session which accounts for his non-appearance at examination".

As to the case of Mr Elting your Committee would recommend that, if in the judgment of the Professors he has lost no essential part of his Theological education by the detention of his illness, that he be permitted to go on with his class.

Respectfully submitted

J. H. Van Wagenen, Chr.

Committee's Report.

The Committee appointed to prepare the draft of a Report to the Synod respectfully submit the following.

The Board met in the Theological Hall Newburgh [illegible]

[illegible] were present except one.

The Board was organized by the election of the [illegible]

Rev. Secretary J. Messler Prest.

Rev. Richard V. Van Kleeck Clerk pro [illegible]

[illegible] the Board proceeded to decide the membership in the Seminary by lot as follows:

[illegible] J. C. Marsling	Rev. J. A. Van Doren
R. Ellis, D.D.	J. H. Van Arsdalen
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Rensford Wells
[illegible]	[illegible] Romeyn
[illegible]	R. D. VanKleeck
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Conda
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

In June, [illegible] of those admitted the year ending on July 1842. They belong to the following Classes: Albany, Schenectady, Classes Montgomery, Onondaga and Genesee.

A Report was received from the Theological Faculty accompanied by the following list of students at present in the Seminary

Senior Class	Middle Class
James C. H. Cornell	Cornelius Bennett
James T. Drake	Chas. E. Corbett
Joseph Anderson	Cincinnatus Giles
Albert C. Millspaugh	[illegible]
Gilbert McP. Myers	[illegible]
John C. Randell	Wm. H. Holloway
William E. Dunn	Victor M. Hulbert
Wm. G. Thompson	John Kinnard
Samuel M. Woodbridge	John S. Hammond
John Watson	Sam'l W. Mills
	Albert S. Porter
	Wm. G. Cornell
	Aaron B. Winfield
	John A. Seely
	Martin V. Schermerhorn
	[illegible]

James Clark, Jacob A. Cushing, Nathan Lord, Benjamin
Isaac L. Hoff, Moses, Jonathan
George T. Williams, Joseph
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Gardner Brewer who was a member of the House, was
admitted at the Table, & in the House, & he
took his seat with the Judges of the Supreme
Judicial Court.

Among the communications which the House
received from the Senate, letter notifying the Senate
of the adoption of the resolve of the House, giving
permission relative to the Judges, was
that the Senate had concurred with the House in
the passage of the resolve.

The Orders were examined by the Committee on the
Judiciary & reported, & the House concurred
in the report & passed the resolve.

Mr. Hardy, from the Committee on the
subject assigned by the House, reported the following
order, which was read & accepted & ordered
to be printed.

The Committee, to whom was referred the
petition of Jeremiah Hardy and others, relative to
the manner of taking fish in the waters of the
Commonwealth, have had the subject under
their consideration, & have instructed me to report
that it is

ordered, that the petitioners be heard, and that they
be notified to appear before the Committee
on Fisheries, & that the Committee be instructed to report
a bill, or bills, therefor, or otherwise, before the
end of the session.

In case of the Committee considering it a
proper subject for the first place to be School or
Time is occupied for ordinary business, that the Great
Seal of the Commonwealth be affixed to those
instruments.

All which is respectfully submitted.
W. Thomas, Ch.

The Committee on Immediate minutes report on page of the minutes of Gen'l Synod, 1861, the following:

Resolved, That while this Synod do not decide against the abstract right of the memorial in the theological students, yet, in view of the circumstances of the case, the memorial of certain Students in the Theological School, laid upon the table of this Synod by the Board of Superintendents be returned to said Board, with the request, that, the students be allowed by them to withdraw said memorial; and that the Doctor Professor also have leave to withdraw the papers on the table of Synod, presented by them and growing out of said memorial.

The committee recommend the following resolution;

That, the memorial of the Students which has been returned to the Board, with the request that the Students have leave to withdraw it, be returned to them with a copy of the above Resolution of Gen'l Synod accompanying it.

By order of Committee

J. B. Labaugh Ch.

The above report was adopted, and, the memorial returned.

Article IX.

Particularly.

The Stated Clerk reported, that he had obtained, a new book in the records of the Board, and a Trunk for the safe keeping of the books and papers, according to the directions of the Board, at the last meeting.

Rev J. B. Van Nagenan was elected, Primarius, and Rev. Jno Little decended to preach the next annual sermon before the Board;

Rev. James Romeyn was elected, Primarius, and Rev J. M. Wanselus decended to deliver the next annual address to the students.

The Annual sermon was preached, before the Board

on the evening of the 1st day of Session in the Reformed Dutch Church by the Rev Isaac P. Labagh from 2. Peter 1: 15

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform the Rev. J. Mattheson of the action of the Board, in relation to the memorial of the Students. See Art VIII

A communication was received, signed, Thos J. Wyckoff, Elbert S. Porter and J. J. Atwood, Students of the Seminary, requesting a dismission from the Seminary, whereupon it was Resolved That if the above named young men persist in requesting a dismission and, certificates of their connexion with the Seminary, at the commencement of the next Theological year - The President, and Stated Clerk be authorized, to give such certificates;

Article X.

Resumption of Close;

The Doorkeepers bill amounting to $2.50, was ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting was closed, with prayer by the Rev A. M. Lloyd.

N. S. Marsden Pres't

R. D. Van Kleeck Ch. pro tem.

Official Copy, vide the original minutes.

Samuel Wells

Stated Clerk

Article I

[illegible]

Article II

On calling the roll the [illegible]

[illegible] Mr William [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Article III

Officers

[illegible]

Article IV

Meeting of Members

[illegible]

* Columns [illegible] of absence on [illegible]

from the Co. Synod, and were thereby brought into the Senior Class of the present year.

2. In the Middle Class

Jaques V. Bennett	Nicholas Hudson Williams
E. Doddridge Evans	[illegible]
Isaac S. H. Miller	George W. Van Hook

One of this Class God removed at the very commencement of the year the Pious and gifted Evans to rest, leaving the Professors and his fellow Students to mourn over their loss. From this Class, since I left, there was some time to wait for the recovery of his health but the Professors are happy to say, that the mind of this promising young man is still set on the Gospel Ministry and that he designs to resume his Theological studies as soon as his health shall be established.

3. In the Senior Class were received last Sessions

William Barnell	E. Smith
J. Greenlee	William Taylor
William H. Baker	[illegible]
J. M. Nesbit	E. Leeder
J. D. Oakey	J. C. Cunningham
J. S. Lee	W. Walker
Charles Van Pelt	Samuel [illegible]

But few weeks of the first session of the year had passed when the amiable youth, Samuel Weightman was called home to be present with his Lord — and during the third session of the year in Mr Walker, while steadily pursuing his course of study, was overtaken by sickness of body and obliged to leave the Seminary. This circumstance will account to the Brethren for the absence of Mr Walker from his place at the present annual examination.

Amid the few afflictions with which the Divine Providence has seen fit to visit these in the Theological Seminary, the Professors are constrained to acknowledge with gratitude the many mercies received from the same source. Much health

Article VII

Examination

On the afternoon of the first day of the [illegible] Trustees examined the Senior and Middle Classes in Didactic Theology from 3 till 6 o'clock & Cannon examined Senior Class in Church government from 8 till 10 o'clock on the second day of the session and Dr M'Clelland examined the Middle & Senior Classes in Natural Philosophy from 10 till 12½.

At 2½ P.M. Dr Cannon continued on Church History until 4 when Dr M'Clelland resumed the examination on Middle Class on the Science of Natural Philosophy — On the morning of the 21st the members of the Senior Class were examined on personal piety and their views in desiring to enter the ministry. Their established Specimens of sermons were preached & Heard, that the examination of students be that the following young Gentlemen be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate

Cornelius Blackwell	Eben S. Hammond
Jonathan E. Bridgeman	Samuel [illegible]
Barnabas Collins	Elias [illegible] Parker
John Nelson	Martin [illegible]
John De Witt	John [illegible]
Wm. W. McCrossan	Ralph Miller
Victor M. Hall	Theodore [illegible]

Messrs John Hanson, Abraham [illegible] Newman and Aaron B. Hubbard having been present from a time during the examination by Trustees, it was Resolved, That they be examined by the committee appointed for the examination of students and that these Young men be entitled to Professors certificates so soon as they shall have been approved by said committee.

Reports of Committees

The following Report was received from the Committee on the admission of members.

The Committee appointed by the Board of superintendents on the admission of students to the Seminary met at the call of the Chairman in the Theological Hall, Seminary on September 4th 1844.

Members Present

John E. Walton Ch. — J. Adams Anderson
A. F. Blackburn — Isaac N. Sabaugh
Winslow Hills

Of the Faculty, Drs. Lowrie and Wheldon

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John E. Walton.

Mr. John Walton was appointed Recording Secretary for the meeting.

The following Young Gentlemen, Students, were duly recommended for admission to the Theological Seminary, viz

William Augustus Brown — William Van Wagoner Watson
Samuel J. Tappan — John Sullivan
David M. Leech — Hiram J. Worcester
A. V. Hemenway — William Swinpe
Nicholas Bond Smith — Edwin Reed
John Gardner — William H. Watson
Peter D. Oakley

These Young Gentlemen all offered satisfactory evidence of their Church Membership and of their Christian character, all being regular Graduates of some College. They were examined singly in the presence of personal party, and their views in entering the Ministry;

Whereupon it was Resolved that the above mentioned Young Gentlemen be received as members of the Theological Seminary and admitted to all its privileges.

The Resolution [illegible] commended to the Crops [illegible]
panied with appropriate remarks on the importance
and usefulness of the Institution by
the President.—

Whereas Bainbridge Colleges [illegible]
was referred to the Committee by Conf. Synod has
[illegible] — and [illegible]
from information derived from the [illegible] they
thought it inexpedient to grant [illegible] a dispensation.
Therefore, — Resolved, that his [illegible] be dismissed.—

[illegible] — Chairman

Ransford Wells Secy.

A meeting of the Committee on the admission of
Students was held in the Theological Study on Saturday
on December 14. 1841

Present, the Theological Faculty
viz. Drs Cannon Dr. Mc Clelland and
of the Committee of the Board. Mr. Wells.
Dr. Cannon was elected Chairman

Ransford Wells Secy

Opened with prayer.

Isaiah C. Terrill who has
attended the lectures of the Professors from the
commencement of the Theological year, presented his
credentials of Church membership and his life and
Christian — was examined on the evidences of
his piety, and his views on entering the Gospel
Ministry, whereupon it was Resolved that
Isaiah C. Terrill be admitted as a
member of the Theological Seminary —

Signed A. Cannon Chairman
Ransford Wells Secy

that of the western agent of the College as one as by the Board of Trustees were after the following —

Resolved — That the next year of the Seminary commence at the same time that the College year commences —

Wm H. Anderson Sec.

Synodical Report

The Committee on Synodical reports handed in their report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Board of Superintendents to the Annual Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Board met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick July 19th 1882 and continued their sessions till July 21st

The following members of Board were each there viz —

Revs J. S. Macelroy	Revs Wm H. Van Dyke
J. J. Van Doren	" Wm S. Myers
" J. C. Miller	" Van Rensselaer
" J. P. Labagh	" Henry Doolittle
" Wm H. Bogardus	" Isaac Hall
" H. M. Hoy	" C. C. Van Cortlandt
" Wm G. Vanderveer	" J. L. Van Doren
" Wm Van Wyck	" Henry Demarest
" R. D. Van Horn	

The Revs J. S. Macelroy was chosen President and the Revs Wm H. Van Dyke Clerk pro tem —

The annual report of the Theological Faculty was received containing the following list of Students viz

Senior Class

Cornelius Clausen	Jacob Rollins
Cornelius C. Cooper	John Cubbed

John Arnell	Samuel [illegible] Allen
William H. Holloway	Elliot [illegible] Foster
[illegible] H. Hulbert	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] B. Winfield
Edwin [illegible] Hammond	[illegible]
[illegible] Schermerhorn	[illegible]
Andrew B. Taylor	[illegible]
[illegible]	

Middle Class

[illegible]	George [illegible] Wyatt
[illegible] H. Williamson	[illegible] Gaus
Nicholas Luther Williamson	[illegible]

Junior Class

William Connell	[illegible]
[illegible] Gardner	Charles Van Rensselaer
William [illegible]	[illegible] E. Smith
[illegible]	William Taylor
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Watson
[illegible]	Samuel G. Hopper

It appears also from said report, that two of these students have been removed by death viz. James Bonner of the Middle Class and Samuel G. Hopper of the Junior Class; and that two have been compelled by ill health to intermit their studies for a time viz. James D. Hill Miller of the Middle Class, and W. W. Lee of the Junior Class.

The Professors further remark, that the utmost order and harmony have been the year in question in the Seminary, and that no case of discipline has occurred. The students have exhibited examples of piety, and have especially done much good in Sabbath Schools, Bible, and other benevolent societies.

The Professors finally suggest the propriety of making the commencement of the next year in the

January, to correspond with that in the College, arrangements by the Board of Trustees, it is to be desirable that the summer vacation should be as near as might be to the term of three months, with a view to accommodate young men, and the indigent students. They are desirous to sustain themselves better by teaching in country schools, for which employment they have frequent applications, but are excluded by the circumstance, that they cannot engage to serve as teachers during a whole month."

The students of the second class were examined by the Professors on the various studies of their respective departments. The examination was throughout highly satisfactory to the Board. The students were not only making unusual progress in the acquisition of knowledge, but have been trained to the use of their own minds in the investigation of truth.

The members of the senior class were examined on personal piety, and their views in desiring to enter the ministry. They also exhibited specimens of sermonizing and preaching.

Resolved, that the examination be sustained, and that the following young gentlemen be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates, viz.—

Cornelius Blanchard	John Cummings
Cornelius E. Lansing	Samuel H. Allicks
Barnabas Collins	Elbert S. Porter
John Dubois	Martin R. Sorenmatter
John Lewis	John A. Mudge
Wm. H. Holloway	Ralph W. Lig
Orsten M. Kellbach	Theodore T. Myckoff
	Jacob Simmons
Alexander Johnson	Abraham G. Nierson

and Aaron B. Winfield, he was been prevented from attending the examination by illness. It was

Resolved that they be examined by the committee appointed for the reception of students and that their qualifying may be entitled to professional certificates so soon as they shall have been approved by said committee.

The committee reported favorably and recommended the following, which was duly passed.

Resolved: That the ordination of young gentlemen be recommended to the Synods for the usual certificate.

The seats of the following members of the Synod become vacant at the next meeting of the Synod viz.

Revd Nathan E. Miller of the South Classis of New York,
" " Jas Labagh of the Classis of Long Island,
" H. M. Joy of the Classis of Washington,
" J. Van Horne of the Classis of Orange,
" Isaac Wells of the Classis of Bergen,
" " Demarest of the Classis of Essex,
" H. A. Vandelinda of the Classis of Schoharie.

A communication was received from the Senior Class presenting to the General Synod a Portrait of the Revd A. Cannon.

Resolved: That the portrait of the Revd A. Cannon be accepted in behalf of the General Synod by the Board and that a proper expression be returned to the donors for this mark of their respect for the Professor.

The Board also beg leave to suggest to General Synod some alteration in the exercises of the Seminary in relation to their course in our Theological Seminary which report to the Board is regarded to be of much service to the Seminary and to make this an occasion of greater interest not only to them but to the churches and the public at large. They would suggest the observance of a Public Theological Commencement at the close of the Theological Year, at which the graduating Class instead of reading sermons as they now do only before the Board, and being obliged

to give our partial exhibitions of their doing and talk, especially in case where the class is large. It can be required to prepare discourses either with or without texts, on subjects assigned in time by the Theological Faculty. That these discourses be of a length regulated by the number of the graduating class, and pronounced from memory at a public exhibition in the Lecture Hall which in this city - due notice of which shall be given in the Christian Intelligencer and other religious and secular papers.

The Board would also suggest the propriety of a public address at the close of the above exercises to the Students, by one of the Theological Faculty, each Professor to take his turn in alphabetical order.

In view of the whole the Board consider the prospects of the Seminary as very encouraging, and as affording the hope of soon supplying all the churches of our denomination with well qualified ministers, and sending such for places beyond our present bounds.

The Board entertain sanguine expectations that this institution will form a source of the high great benefit upon our country and upon the world. For such things the Board feel bound to give thanks to the Author of all good.

The Board have resolved that the next Theological year commence on the first of October, in order to correspond with the beginning of studies in Rutgers College. It is desirable that the Synod should make a permanent arrangement on this subject.

A. S. Thomson President

The Committee on Synodical minutes reported, which report was adopted and is as follows -

The Committee appointed to examine the Synodical minutes present the following digest of minutes of General Synod for 1852 & 1853 the following viz.

1st. Form of suspension during must be a month later

Hence this usual time of meeting – vide on page 199 the following persons have been chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents, viz

Rev Abraham Ackerman	Rev Isaac Cook
" Cornelius Van Rensselaer D.D.	" James Shell
" Abraham Polhemus	" Cornelius Vanandale
" Abraham Brush	" William H Campbell
" Abraham A Wilson	

Respectfully submitted
Cornelius Van Rensselaer.
Chairman

Article IX
Particularia

Mr Van Rensselaer & Wells were appointed a committee to inform the Professors that the Board were prepared to proceed with the examination.

The annual sermon was preached on the evening of the 1st day of the session in the Reformed Dutch Church by the Rev Chas G Finney, from Acts 20: 27th

The Rev Henry Homyn delivered the annual address to the students.

The Rev Dr Van Rensselaer was elected Primarius and the Rev Wm H Campbell Secundus to preach the next annual sermon before the Board.

The Rev A S Vanderbilt was elected Primarius and the Rev Wm H Bogardus Secundus, to deliver next annual address before the students.

A communication was received from the senior class presenting to the Annual Report a portrait of Rev Dr Gannett

Resolved, That the portrait of the Rev Dr Gannett be accepted in behalf of

General Synod by this Board and that a proper expression be returned by this Class for this mark of their respect for their Professors.

Resolved, That the Professors in Queen's College be requested to give to the senior class a summary of the rules of Government as contained in the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church. Pointing out the duties of Consistories, Classes and Synod, also to explain the mode of discipline, as it is prescribed by the above named rules.

(Resolved), That the Portrait of Dr Cannon remain in the College Hall until Synod otherwise order.

Item X

The doorkeeper's bill amounting to $3.68 was ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved and the meeting was closed with prayer by the President.

A. A. Hasbrouck President
Wm H. Campbell Clerk

A true copy from the Minutes.

Wansford Wells Stated Clerk

After the Board had adjourned but before they dispersed on the 21st July 1842. Charles Hageman who had received a commission from General Synod directing the Board of Trustees absolutely to examine him for licensure, appeared and wished to be examined. Whereupon the President immediately called an extra session of the Board to attend to this subject.

The following members were present.

Rev. A. J. [illegible] — Rev. S. S. Van Doren
" C. C. Van Arsdale — " [illegible] Wiley
" David Wanegar — " Jacob Vanderbeck
" Wm. W. Rogers — " [illegible] Salagh
" Jacob Van Doren — " J. C. Van Dervoort
" A. Boyd — " Wm. H. Campbell
" James Abell — " W. H. Van Hise
" Abraham W. Myers

Given with prayer by the Rev. James Abell.

The Board Resolved: to proceed to the examination of Charles S. Hageman, and requested the Theological Professors to attend and conduct the examination.

Mr. C. S. Hageman presented a certificate signed by the Professors of the Theological Seminary of Rutgers, viz: that he had attended that Institution for three years, had gone through a regular course of Theological study — been examined by a committee of the Faculty, and approved.

Mr. Hageman was examined in Dogmatic and Polemic Theology, by Dr. Van Vranken and Church History by Dr. Brunson — and in the other departments by members of the Board — after had given a specimen of his composing — It was Resolved: That the examination of Mr. Charles S. Hageman be sustained, and that he be recommended to the Classis of New Brunswick for licensure —

Resolved: That the Stated Clerk be directed to report to Classis, signed, the examination of Mr. Hageman — and also the report of the Committee who examined John Himrod of Freehold & Hyram

J. G. Marselus President

Wm. H. Campbell Stated Clerk

Article I.

The Board of Superintendents of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church convened in the Hospital Hall at New Brunswick this 3rd July 18th 1843.

Opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Marsius President of the last Board.

Article II.

On calling the roll the following members answered and took their seats.

Rev. Dr. Marsius	Elder J. Terhune
" J. H. van Doren	" A. Pitman
" W. C. Bogardus	" J. R. Cutler
" A. Blauvelt	" J. Scott
" H. A. Campbell	" A. Doremus
" J. Van Vorhees C. C.	" W. Zeis
" C. C. Van Arsdale	" J. M. Aberg M. D.
" J. C. Vandewater	

Article III.

Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. J. Marsius as President and Rev. J. Van Vorhees as Clerk pro tem.

Article IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

C. Preparatory Works

Mr. J. G. Van Dyke, C. C. Van Ness, Mr. [illegible]

C. Medical Schools

[illegible] H. [illegible], W. C. [illegible] and J. R. Weber

C. Special Hospitals

Mr. J. Van Rosten, [illegible] Stone and Dr. G. Allyn

C. [illegible] Dispensaries

[illegible] Surgeon J. M. [illegible], Dr. C. C. Wood, [illegible]

Section VI.

Communications

A preliminary report of the Surgical Faculty was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Professional Schools.

To the Board of Supervisors for the undersigned, [illegible] respectfully submit the following

Report.

The exercises of the Bureau of Commencements with the following among gentlemen in attendance.

C. The Senior Class

W. C. Jones	G. P. Van Hyck
J. G. Williamson	L. R. Williamson 4

C. The Middle Class

[illegible] S. Gould	[illegible] Gardner
[illegible]	[illegible] McDonald
[illegible]	E. G. Cakey
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	A. C. Fleming 13
J. H. Watson	

C. The Junior Class

H. Barney	[illegible] Hogan
[illegible]	[illegible]

J. Ford	W. Hamilton
G. Milne	[illegible]
[illegible] Fernand	[illegible] Simpson
[illegible] Stand	[illegible]
[illegible] Simpson	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Vicars
[illegible]	[illegible]

In consequence of the absence of the committee of the Board of Trustees in Europe and [illegible] spring in the Seventh Month. The examination of the candidates was at the usual hour, and the rules adopted to govern the conduct of the pupils, in regard to their leaving the school premises was read to them.

Of the Middle Class Mr [illegible] was absent a day or two from sickness, but seems the studies that he has been in the habit of pursuing on a different plan from the rest of the class. He has consequently been about a term behind them.

From the results of the 2nd Term, Mr Todd acquainted the Trustees the necessity of his leaving the Seminary at least for a time, on account of pecuniary embarrassment, and the demand on his time and services at home. The Trustees did not feel authorised to offer him any encouragement in the course he had and consequently left him to act with his usual responsibility in the case, undermisted by any suggestions of theirs, after being asked about it, arising on account of his father's sickness. Mr Todd intended to continue to the end of the 2nd Term when he left and was did not return again.

Mr Tiers about the 4th week of the last term, Mr J. S. Miller, when about two thirds of the second term had elapsed, and Mr Fernand in the 2nd week of the third term, were compelled to withdraw from the Seminary in consequence of ill health. The Trustees are informed, the present health of these gentlemen. The estimation in which they are held increases the

ference of the desire and prayer that it may be manifested possible to secure him, instead of to the contrary.

It is deemed proper to add that Mr Fowler was absent at the beginning of the year in consequence of having contracted an engagement to teach a school, which did not expire until four weeks had passed from the commencement of the session. On this account the Faculty have taken no definite action.

Of the Senior Class the Romans early withdrew under a disagreement of no serious character, which time does not seem to anticipate his return to the institution.

Mr A. H. Vane West the aforementioned junior was absent for a time, but continued to take a regular course from the Preparatory in account of bodily infirmity. Should he experience the relief which is not improbable, there is a hope is entertained that he may yet become an honor and blessing to what he is, and to the cause of a regular member of the church of Christ.

Mr Horton has been absent for the last term. The reasons for his absence have not been communicated by him to the Faculty. They are understood to be connected with his family relations and duties.

The attention of the Mathes to his studies for the first two terms was unbroken and uninterrupted. But it became manifest that he could not with any propriety take his place with his class at the opening of the third term. The reason assigned for his absence viz. ill health, could not alter a strong fact. In the knowledge of the objectionable studies of this year, we were unable in view of his claim, and the Faculty regarded it as a duty to inform him that he could not proceed on equal terms with them. In consequence of this notification Mr Mathes did not appear at the opening of the term that long was closed.

In the cases here specified it is obvious that important questions are involved, which it will be no easy matter satisfactorily to solve. How far may pecuniary considerations on the one and for convenience at home be allowed successfully

to conform with the established rules of the Institution?
If a student have been absent for a session or more without
a dismission may he with or without an examination
or a matter to be treated in this class? It is for you to make a
distinction between cases of absence on account of sickness,
and cases from other causes? and if any, what difference?
How long may a student be absent from the Institution
and the faculty be warranted in either recalling or removing
his name, upon the expression of his wish or removing his
student? So far as questions of this kind come before the
Board, the Faculty have no other concern with them, than
to be regulated by the decisions which may be made. But
when they come immediately upon themselves the question
of responsibility becomes apparent. Can they or ought
to avoid it at all? Can a given case be within their
province? or does it demand the attention of the
Board, or the committee? The Faculty are not competent
to act up to the responsibilities of their station, or
are they willing to be other than heads of the
Board. They would desire certainly to be relieved
from such actions of the Board as may be inconsistent with
as much deviating in the case adopted, the limits
within which, their discretion may be exercised. It
would not be good conscience they think to preclude
said Board by a rule of the institution, and yet what cases may be settled within the jurisdiction
assigned to the Faculty.

It would afford our business to the undersigned, if in giving their opinion they could have
unanimous testimony to the important attendance
of the student to the business of the Institution.

But duty to the concerns demands that the
Board be apprised of a great reading is suggested
to some to indulge in absence from the city and
consequently from the Institution, either without the
permission of which the rules of the Institution require
or without being sufficiently explicit in assigning

[illegible] admission a [illegible]

The Faculty take pleasure in bearing testimony to the order and [illegible] deportment of the students [illegible] the institution and [illegible] the community [illegible] reasons of proper [illegible] in Sabbath Schools [illegible] church and the neighborhood [illegible] and [illegible] to the most neglected portion of the community [illegible] they have done [illegible] [illegible] young [illegible] in their [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Section VII.

Examination

The Examination commenced [illegible] the [illegible] Middle Classes [illegible] day of the session at 8 o'clock [illegible] continued until [illegible] o'clock [illegible]

[illegible] examined the Middle Class in [illegible] department [illegible] the second day of the session from [illegible] o'clock [illegible]

[illegible] McC[illegible] [illegible] department from [illegible]

[illegible] C. [illegible] department at [illegible]

[illegible]

Resolved that [illegible]

[illegible] Williams [illegible] Van Loon

A. C. Williams [illegible]

Article XIII

[illegible]

[illegible] as follows:

[illegible] Seminary [illegible] 184[illegible]

Present.

[illegible] Van Loon
[illegible]

[illegible] Williams [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] testimonials [illegible] the [illegible] members of the [illegible] Seminary.

Abraham [illegible]
William [illegible]

[illegible] Lloyd
John [illegible]

Herman Schultz — Geo. Watson
Geo. Van Tassel — Geo. [illegible]
John Mann — Alex. Lawson
A. Hughes — Geo. Sammy
Samuel Hand — Geo. [illegible] Geiers
[illegible] — Thomas [illegible]

The committee on [illegible] Hunter presented the following [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] a Special committee consisting of Mr. C. C. Van Antwerp, Mr. [illegible] Sequoia & J. D. Chittenden.

The Committee on Equipment Hunter report that they have examined the minutes of the last stated meeting of the Board and find the proceedings therein [illegible] the action of the Board, on

Resolved, that the Board of Superintendent of the Aboriginal Tribe [illegible] the announcement of the proposed [illegible] Tribe [illegible] 24th.

Resolved that the time of the commencement of the [illegible] year be [illegible] as is consistent with that of Tribes [illegible] on the same day, [illegible] and

[illegible] behalf of the committee
Geo. Vechten

The Committee on Professional Records reported that [illegible] received [illegible] as follows:

The committee to whom was submitted the report of the Aboriginal Society, present the following report for the consideration of this Board

There have been during the last year 35 students enrolled in the seminary.

1. The Sec. of the Athletic Club has obtained a day [illegible] from the Canada Synod be [illegible] his studies elsewhere

2. [illegible] Vetter has absented himself on account of [illegible] difficulties and is still absent

3. Walter Watson & R. Miller formerly of the middle

[illegible] the [illegible] Class have been [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] have been compelled to withdraw from the Seminary on account of ill health and [illegible] and teaching [illegible] of the present [illegible] year. [illegible] Mr. Jones had been absent during [illegible] has not yet communicated any reason to the Faculty.

The [illegible] complaint of the want of punctuality in attendance on the part of many of the students [illegible] from the [illegible] frequently [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] ought to have merited the admonition of the Faculty [illegible] as having left the institution.

On the other hand it [illegible] [illegible] occasion [illegible] of the students [illegible] many of them [illegible] their means [illegible] not [illegible] in the [illegible] of this institution.

With respect to the [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] on [illegible] the Faculty [illegible] a [illegible] to determine how long and for what causes a student may be absent [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] being no laws to [illegible] them on this [illegible] [illegible] consider it important that this Board should give some definite principle by which they may be [illegible] [illegible]

Resolved That the decision of [illegible] [illegible] the Faculty subject to the revision of the Board.

[illegible] the case of Mr. [illegible] we recommend the following.

Resolved That the name of Mr. [illegible] be stricken from the list of Students.

[illegible] [illegible] occasion [illegible] attendance [illegible] the Lecture Room has given ground of complaint.

Resolved That [illegible] neglect is viewed by this Board as highly censurable and that these students are hereby [illegible] required to be punctual in future.

Your committee also notice in the communication [illegible] the Professors of Didactic & Polemic Theology a suggestion [illegible] [illegible] the Board the propriety of exempting the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the obligation to attend

[illegible] to the Lecture on Pulpit Theology.

Resolved, That the Students of the senior Class be requested to have [illegible] on [illegible] to this effect.

All which is respectfully submitted

J. J. Van Doren, Chairman.

The committee on Pulpit Theology reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

The Board met in the Theological Hall at the Seminary, July 1st 1[illegible] and continued in session till July 20th.

The following members attended and took their seats viz:

Rev. Jos. Parsons	Rev. Wm. H. Campbell
J. J. Van Doren	W. D. Reynolds
J. A. Hoes	J. Van Vechten D.D.
C. C. Van Arsdale	R. C. Van Dervoort
J. S. Carnahan	J. J. Scholes
J. F. Cuthbert	J. Scott
J. Corbitt	Nicl. M. Littig, Esq.
[illegible]	

The Rev. J. S. Carnahan was chosen President and Rev. John Van Vechten Clerk pro tem.

The annual report of the Theological Society was received and is as follows viz:

Senior Class.

J. C. Crowe	J. J. Van Doren
J. C. Williamson	C. P. Williamson

Middle Class

W. A. Amell	J. Gardner
W. J. J. Allaben	C. M. Cook
J. M. Miller	D. C. Cahey
W. [illegible] Ross	W. [illegible] Taylor
W. Thompson	[illegible] Vement
Adam Vedder	J. C. Vanderlye
J. J. Vaiden	

Junior Class

W. Barber	G. Voorhees
J. H. [illegible]	J. Sandberg

[illegible] H. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] J. Simonson

J. [illegible] [illegible]

D. C. [illegible] H. A. Van Cleef

C. Van Cleef J. C. L. Van [illegible]

J. Talmage J. Hyslop

J. West J. Hyslop 18

Total 35

Mr. Lee of the Middle has not obtained a dispensation from the Gen. Synod to [illegible] Mr. Vedder.

Mr. Vedder has attended here only on account of unusual [illegible] in Mr. [illegible] absence.

Messrs. Watson [illegible] Mr. Hulse [illegible] of the Middle Class. Messrs. [illegible] Van Cleef [illegible] Class were recommended to attend on the Seminary on account of ill health. Mr. [illegible] has lost [illegible] the last term [illegible] engaged in teaching. Mr. Jones has been at our [illegible] the last term, and has as it commenced, [illegible] to the Faculty.

In report of the Professors on views of the want of punctuality in attendance on [illegible] many of the students were indulgent in answer from the City, frequently neglect the Lecture Rooms [illegible] Mr. Charles Melvin as so negligent in his studies as to have wasted the almost time of the Faculty, [illegible] leaving the Seminary.

On the other hand it was [illegible] of the students as [illegible] and [illegible] diligence [illegible] the rest of [illegible]

This report both the absences occasioned [illegible] or non [illegible] considerations, the Faculty finds themselves at a loss to determine how long an [illegible] what cause a student may be absent & yet resume his place in his class, thus being no law to regulate them in this [illegible] Therefore Resolved that the decision of such cases be left

[illegible] recently adopted by the Senate.

In the case of Mr. Charles Milton it was Resolved, That the name of Mr. Milton be taken from the roll of students.

With regard to those who absented [illegible] the Lecture Rooms, it was given as our opinion, Resolved, That such neglect is considered by this Board as highly censurable, and the students who thereby offended be admonished in future.

A recommendation was received from the Professor of Ecclesiastical Theology, as to giving to the Board the propriety of exempting the students of the senior class from the obligation of attending the readings of the Lectures on Church Theology.

Resolved: That the students of the senior class be remitted to our own pleasure in respect to this attendance.

The students of the several classes were examined by the professors in the various studies of their respective departments. This examination was throughout highly satisfactory. In the high schools not only made very respectable progress in the acquisition of knowledge but have been learned to use their own minds in the investigation of truth.

Two members, the senior class were examined in their personal self and their views in desiring to enter the ministry. They also exhibited recommendations, testimonies and credentials.

Resolved, That the examination of said candidates be referred to the following young gentlemen as committees to be [illegible] the usual [illegible] to do.

[illegible] Williamson
[illegible] Williamson.

The seats of the following members of the [illegible] were declared vacant at the end of [illegible] signed by

Rev. Hussey, to Classis
R. Vandenberg, " " "
W. Dirk, "
J. H. Van Doren, " " " " " [illegible]
A. Van Doren, " " " " [illegible]
Rev. Pitkins, " " " [illegible]

At the last meeting
the Classis of Long Island and
Classis and South Classis of Long Island.
there is necessary to present a new
Board from each of these Classes and be
constituted by the Synod as provided for
Long Island Classis could be
[illegible] according to the same system
Board resolved that the Classis of Long
Island, and Rev. [illegible] be notified
according the 4th Wed [illegible]
Resolved, that it be [illegible]
Unfinished Commencement should be [illegible]
of letters [illegible] the 27th the 5th of the [illegible]
the Michigan Seminary [illegible]
Synod Anti be preached [illegible]
Board of Superintendents is [illegible]
Synod be requested to [illegible]

The Board [illegible] the prospect [illegible]
Seminary as very encouraging [illegible]
Supplying all our churches [illegible]
an efficient ministry.

In view of the whole the Board [illegible]
the Synod adopt a course of [illegible]
the Gospel of all [illegible]

All which is respectfully submitted
Wm. McCampbell Chairman

The committee to [illegible] the communication
of the Labor and [illegible] report was accepted, adopted.

and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Librarian of Watson College respecting the neglect or sometimes wrong of the students in not returning the Books which they are permitted to take out of the Library, report

That the charge of the Library is a very responsible office, requiring the constant attention of this Board, not simply, because the students by some allege it to pursue such a course as greatly diminishing the Library, either by the number of Books that have been lost in this manner, or else by their being in a worse condition than they would be if they were returned after the expiration of a reasonable time. But because it seems to be a matter of serious consideration, this year, that a certain course should be adopted by the Board in relation to the Library.

The Committee therefore recommend the Board to adopt the following Resolution.

Resolved, That each Student of the Institute be required to present to Dr Cannon a certificate from the Librarian that his accounts with the Library are all square at the close of each term, and that this be required by Dr Cannon before he signs the Registered certificate.

Resolved, That the duties of Dr Cannon, the Librarian, and Students of the above institution, and also that the Librarian be required to inform delinquent students who are absent of the above resolutions, and to request them the immediate return of such Books as they may still unjustly retain.

C. C. Van Dusdale Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject contained in the report of the Committee on Textual Memorials, reported, and the report was amended, adopted and is as follows:

The special committee appointed by the Board to make the necessary arrangements for the Historical commemoration directed by the Board at its last session, beg leave to report the following arrangements for the adoption of the Board:—

Resolved. That the subjects of discourses of the graduating members be selected and assigned to them respectively by the Theological Faculty at least three months prior to the commencement; that the Professors act in cases where the graduating class is too numerous; and that if an address be made, select such speakers as they may think most judicious, and apportion the time to be occupied by each speaker; that the speakers must be furnished with the proper names.

Resolved. That the public exercises of the Theological Commencement be held in one of the neighboring Dutch churches of New Brunswick — and that subject to the Public Religious Service connected with this Board be furnished at least one month previous, to the Christian Intelligencer, the New York Observer, and the Philadelphia Presbyterian, and the Papers of New Brunswick — by the Stated Clerk of the Board.

Resolved. That the public exercises of the graduating Class be held during the forenoon of the Thursday preceding the fourth Wednesday of July, and that the addresses of the Theological Professors be pronounced at the close of said exercises.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk of this Board be requested to pay incidental expenses may occur in the execution of a stated so, and present this order as for the same to the Treasurer of this Synod to be refunded by him.

Resolved. That so long as the plan of holding a Theological Commencement shall be continued that the latter clause of the 2nd Section of the 2nd Art. in the plan of the Theological Seminary which requires that a sermon shall be preached during the sessions of the Board of Superintendents be suspended, and that the General Synod be requested to allow such suspension.

C. C. Van Arsdale Chairman.

Article 15.

Professors

Resolved, That the Revs. J. Scott, C. C. Van Rodah and J. C. Van Dyck be a committee to inform the Professor of Didactic Theology the Board are prepared with the examination in his department at 3 o'clock P.M. and to consult the other professors and make necessary arrangements for the examination in their branches.

The sermon was preached on the evening of the first day of the session in the Reformed Dutch Church by Rev. J. Van Vechten, from Isa. Ch. 21.

Rev. A. Schenck addressed the students in the course of the second day of the session.

Rev. A. H. Myers was elected Primarius and Rev. C. C. Van Rensselaer Secundus to preach the next annual sermon.

Rev. W. H. Campbell was elected Primarius, and Rev. J. C. Van Dyck were Secundus to deliver the next annual address to the students.

Article 16.

Resumption and Close.

The Treasurer's bill amounting to Nine Hundred Dollars was ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting of the Board was closed with prayer.

J. P. Messlier President
J. Garrison, Clerk
Pro Tem.

True Copy of the original minutes
Hampton Wells Stated Clerk

Article II.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, met in Protestant Lecture Room in the Theological Hall New Brunswick, New Jersey, July 18th 1844.

Opened with prayer by Rev David Schenck when E. D. was the oldest minister present.

Article II.

Members Elected.

In calling the roll the following members answered and took their seats.

Rev Isaac Emerson	Rev C. E. Van Dyke
Rev Thos. Higgins	Rev Charles Whitehead
Rev Geo. Abbott D.D.	Rev A. Searle
Rev C. C. Vandenhoven	Rev A. Voorhees
Rev J. C. Lupe	Rev A. H. Pitcher
Rev Jacob Van Vechten D.D.	Rev A. B. Vandenburg D.D.
Rev C. E. Kimball	Rev A. B. Vandenburg
Rev A. H. Myers	Rev Abram Lansing

Article III.

Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Thomas M. Strong President and A. H. Myers Clerk pro tem.

Article IV.

Reading Minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

Article V

Standing Committees.

The following standing committees were appointed

On [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Rev [illegible] [illegible]. Rev C. [illegible].

On Synodical Reports.
Rev J. [illegible], Rev A.B. Chittenden, Rev C.S. Van Dyke.

On Synodical Minutes.
Rev [illegible] H[illegible] D.D. Rev [illegible] [illegible]. Rev A.H. [illegible].

On the [illegible] of [illegible]
Rev J. [illegible]. Rev A.B. [illegible] D.D. Rev J. Schoonmaker D.D. Rev [illegible] [illegible]. Rev [illegible] Strong D.D.

Article VI.
[illegible]ications

A Communication was received from the Consistory of the [illegible] Reformed [illegible] Church in New Brunswick relative to the publication made by the Stated Clerk of the commencement of the Seminary in said Church.
Resolved,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] H[illegible]

[illegible] committee [illegible] reported to the Committee on the [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] committee [illegible] unanimously [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

	William [illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
Senior class	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Junior class	Nathan Chapman	James Compton
	Jacob Dilcher	Elias [illegible]
	Edmund Decker	[illegible] Spaulding
	[illegible] Stewart	[illegible] D. Van [illegible]

These have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the last year, faithful students.

A portion, had remained in the course the year to call for any special commendation from the Faculty. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

regular and productive of a degree of [illegible],
which we trust will give satisfaction to the Board.
The Department has been kept as to [illegible] and the
gospel may properly and [illegible] exhibition may have
shown to make themselves useful in [illegible] religious
and social meetings, affords a [illegible] that when
[illegible] to the work of the ministry, they [illegible] not be
wanting in zeal or efficiency in the service of the Church.

With regard to the Pastoral Commencement
which has been [illegible] to the [illegible] it is not just
to [illegible] and to the members of the [illegible] who
are [illegible] to take part in the [illegible], [illegible]
the [illegible] commencements, that in consequence of the decline
of the Church [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] in consequence of the [illegible] of
the Board in [illegible] about three [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at
least [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] of the [illegible]
Should the young Gentlemen fail in an degree to
answer the expectation, [illegible] may [illegible] for
[illegible] talents [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible]
be entitled to [illegible] apology, that it will belong to
the Board to determine [illegible] the [illegible]
man not [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
proposed [illegible]
commencement.

It being understood that the study of
[illegible] languages [illegible] made, [illegible] order
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], the result [illegible] [illegible] out, whether
the great which [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] does not [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] deliberations of the Board.

[illegible] in the [illegible] of the last [illegible] languages
[illegible] attained with [illegible] of [illegible] into the whole
[illegible] course [illegible] by a [illegible] which
can possibly be made in German or French in the
time allowed to them in the college would appear a
[illegible] consideration. [illegible] the Board deem the
[illegible] as proposed, [illegible] the [illegible] of their action.
[illegible] [illegible] in view, [illegible] to [illegible] their
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

3. 9 o'clock. [illegible] Dr Cummins resumed the examination of the senior class in ecclesiastical his-tory, which was suspended [illegible] the Chairman. [illegible] Flowerdew [illegible] which [illegible]

8 o'clock [illegible]

The Board proceeded to the [illegible] of the senior class [illegible] Philosophy and Natural Sciences in the [illegible] the Ministry and in the ex[illegible] occupied until [illegible]

Friday [illegible]

[illegible] assembling and [illegible] being [illegible] by more members [illegible] senior class [illegible] public exercises of the commencement.

Resolved, that the examination of the Senior class be sustained and that they be hereby recommended to the Trustees for their certificates, entitling them to examination before their respective classes for Lecture.

10 o'clock.

The commencement of the Seminary was held in the Dr in street Church [illegible] days the attendance by their friends [illegible] was numerous and the exercises were delivered in the New Baptist Church.

[illegible] Committee.

[illegible] the [illegible] students presented [illegible] complete [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] to receive the Theological Seminary [illegible]

to report. That the [illegible] at Newark commence on the [illegible] day of October 1842 — all the members of the Convention were the Provinces of the [illegible] were present.

On the [illegible] who joined the union, saw in the Convention, a [illegible] who has now absented from the Constitution of the year appeared before the Committee and desired to take his place in the [illegible] Convention of [illegible]

[illegible] the Committee [illegible] the [illegible] Committee [illegible] [illegible] relative to [illegible] formal [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

accepted [illegible] as follows:

The Committee to the report of the Superintendent of the Faculty would submit to the Board the following report

Your Committee find nothing in the report of the Faculty requiring notice, except a [illegible] of the introduction of the study of Modern Languages — [illegible] and [illegible] the Board of Superintendents to take measures [illegible] making those studies in the College [illegible] pursue the study of Modern Languages. Your Committee are of opinion that this Board has no power in the case, the [illegible] for remaining with the Trustees of the College. —

Your Committee would further recommend that this request of the Faculty, for the reasons therein stated in the absence of [illegible] Chairman, and that the Chairman present the same to the Trustees at their next stated meeting [illegible] an order authorizing such [illegible] as they may deem [illegible] from time to time providing the Modern languages, provided they do not [illegible] such Exemption.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Isaac Newmacher,

Chairman.

The Committee on Approved Minutes, reported their report which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

— The [illegible] the Approved Minutes, by leave to report, that the [illegible] the attention of the Board which the same occasion, are contained in the Resolutions embodied in the report of [illegible] pages 3, 4 & 5 of the Minutes of the proceedings of the last Stated Meeting, viz: the claims of Chas. E. R. Miller & Dock. Wm. H. Ward — the former of whom having for some time been absent from the Commonwealth in consequence of his health, asks for a [illegible] time; — the remainder [illegible] having been connected with

the Junior Class [illegible] Engineering, [illegible] [illegible] Mathes [illegible] time allowed [illegible] [illegible] has been in the Institution [illegible] he be permitted to complete his studies in our Seminary. The Committee recommend that both these young Christian men be received. The Committee [illegible] the reception of students agreeable to the act of Synod.

Ful. D. Hamaker
Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Reports have their report which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Reports leave to present the following as their report.

The Board of Trustees met in the Seminary at New Brunswick on Tuesday the 16th day of [illegible], 184[illegible]

The following members were present.

Rev. John Chambers	Rev. Abraham Lansing, D.D.
Thos. Meredith	[illegible] Wm. Blair
Thomas R. Strong, D.D.	[illegible] Scott
Abram Messlier, D.D.	[illegible] J. Abell
[illegible] J. Van Nostrand	[illegible] Arthur H. Pitcher
[illegible] Francis Van Vliet	[illegible] Rev. [illegible]
[illegible] Van [illegible], D.D.	[illegible]
[illegible] J. Hamaker	[illegible] H. Hueston
A. H. Myers.	

The members from the cities of Illinois, Chicago, Alton and Quincy were absent.

The Board was then organized by the election of Rev. John Chambers, D.D. President & Rev. [illegible] M. Myers Clerk pro tem.

On the report of the Chairman of the following resolution

Whereas have been in the exercises of the Institution thirty three

Senior class.

William H. Cornell
Wm. F. T. Mabon
Peter D. Oaks
Wm. J. R. Zeiger
Edwin Fredler

[illegible]
[illegible]
Charles Clement
[illegible]
[illegible] Crisendye

Junior class.

Wm. Bayley
J. A. Larson
Wm. H. Miller
John Simmen
Thomas C. Strong
John W. Talmadge
Jacob Weiss
[illegible] Wykoff

[illegible]
Harry Eyre
[illegible]
Charles Smith
Edgar Talmadge
George Van Cleef
Jacob West

Senior class.

Nathan Brakman
Joseph Cutler
Edwin Siver
Alex. T. Stewart

James Compton
[illegible] Minden
Cyrel Spaulding
Paul I. Van Cleef

The faculty remark that the attendence of the students upon the exercises of the Institution has been regular, their deportment has been such as to commend the gospel they profess, and the disposition they have shown to avail themselves of the Sabbath School, social meeting, sports & promise that when called to the work of the Ministry they will not be wanting in zeal and efficiency in the service of the church.

The students were examined in the various branches of study to which their attention has been directed and exhibited throughout high satisfactory evidences of diligence in their work. The examinations continued most two days.

The Senior class was further examined on Pastoral Duties and their views and methods in seeking the gospel ministry. They also exhibited specimens of their ability in preaching.

[illegible] the examination [illegible] the following gentlemen. Members of the Senior class, the Rev. [illegible] to the examiners on the [illegible] examination of the [illegible] to recommend the [illegible] —

W. H. [illegible]	[illegible] Zwemer
[illegible]	David [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
W. [illegible]	William [illegible]
[illegible]	J. T. Kennedy

[illegible]

The seats of the following members from vacant at the meeting of the next General Synod, by reason of their absence:

From classis of Albany:	Rev. Wm. H. Campbell
Schenectady	— Isaac Van Vechten, D.D.
Passaic	— H. Zoolitte
Montgomery	Mr. H. Myers
Cayuga	Jas. Neil
Philadelphia	Cor. E. Van Middlesworth

By reason of some oversight which the [illegible] cannot explain, the seats were [illegible] in the [illegible] New Brunswick, no member having been elected by the last General Synod. The theological commencement was held in New Brunswick as usually, in the order of General Synod and the arrangements adopted by the Board in the third day [illegible] in-

Jas. Mc. Ewing

Article 15

Miscellaneous

Mr. Jas. E. Morgan, [illegible] appointed a committee to inform the Professors that the Board will proceed with the examination of the Students in Thursday at 3 P.M. — and also to inform the Professors of the time [illegible] in their respective departments.

Resolved, that a committee [illegible] be appointed to confer with the Trustees [illegible] for providing suitable apparatus [illegible] Commencement for this year.

Resolved, that Dr. [illegible] Chairman and Ran. Rigney be [illegible] — a communication was received [illegible] C.D. Stewart — [illegible] executed — in [illegible] the Chairman [illegible] on account of diseased eyes.

Moved, that Dr. [illegible] be appointed [illegible] committee in conjunction with the Secretary.

A communication was received from the Committee of the Faculty of Engineering — selecting from the Board a Room in the third story of the College — as a Reading Room.

Resolved, that this communication be referred [illegible]

[illegible] appointed to confer with the [illegible] Faculty respecting the commencement invited their report, which was accepted, [illegible] and [illegible]

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to [illegible] which subject shall be committed to Dr. [illegible] Schermerhorn & Ran. Rigney

[illegible] Chairman [illegible] for the commencement provided their report.

which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be filed —

Committee to whom was referred the communication of Dr. Lewis & others relative to a Reading Room, report that they have examined the rooms offered to the Society, and find them well adapted to the purpose contemplated, and the object as important, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the Board authorize the Committee to occupy the rooms in the Second Story of the College Building, and to make the necessary arrangements & furnishing at an expense not exceeding $20. to be paid in the Treasury of the Society.

C. Mitchell
Chairman

The amended report of the Committee was then unanimously adopted by the Board at this called meeting in July 1837. The Committee to whom the report of the Committee on that occasion was referred, with a view to the Medical Society, have instructed us to report, that it is inexpedient, with the present state of the Society, to make any alteration in the course of Medical Lectures, or in the Medical Curriculum, and relative to the Medical Department, the Board feel themselves obliged to depart from the strict adherence to the rules as laid down in the

occasion, then

Resolved, that hereafter no Board will be distinct to be understood that the insane

Allowing this Commencement and specified the Board and approved by General Synod be strictly observed.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be and hereby is appointed to make an [illegible] and current for the [illegible] and [illegible] inform the Presbyterian [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the Board.

Resolved, that in view of the [illegible] in the [illegible] of the Board, and [illegible] the Theological Monument, a [illegible] [illegible] be made to the next General Synod and the whole matter be referred to them for a decision —

Rev. [illegible] was appointed to deliver the annual address to the Society

Rev. Dr. Hardenbergh, [illegible] appointed Secretary.

Article X.

Assumption of [illegible].

The Poor Fund bill [illegible] $4.08. was ordered to be paid.

after minutes were read and approved — the session of the Board was closed with prayer

E. W. Strong Pres.
H. W. Rujo. Clerk

Stanford Wells.
Stated Clerk.

Article I —

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met in their usual place in the Theological Hall, New Brunswick, N.J. on Tuesday July 15th 1845 at 12 o clock AM —

Opened with prayer by Rev J. H. Strong D.D President of the last Board —

Article II

Members present.

On calling the roll the following members answered and took their seats viz —

Rev John Cornelison	Rev Gustavus Abel D.D.
" Ebenr. Mig[illegible]	" Jeremiah [illegible]
" Francis M. Sp[illegible] D.D.	" James A. H. Lowell
" J. H. Kip	" [illegible]
" [illegible] Vinrod	" [illegible]
" James Murphy D.D.	" [illegible]
" C. E. Van Dyke	" [illegible]
" Charles Whitehead	S. H. Meeker
" John H. Pitcher	" J. A. Searles —
" I. B. Hardenbergh D.D	
" A. V. B. Clutten[illegible]	

Article III —

The Board was organized by the election of Rev Thos. H. Strong D.D. President and Rev J. W. Kip Clerk pro tem —

Article IV —

Reading of Minutes & Rules —

The Minutes of the last meeting were read

Rules and Orders were read —

Article V

Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

On Professional Reports.
Dr. Abel. Chairman & C. L. Van Dyke.

On Synodical Reports.
Dr. Hardenbergh. C. Mallison. & Searle

On Synodical Minutes,
Mr. John Garretson, Dr. Meffler. D. H. Gregory.

On the admission of Students,
Dr. Schermerhorn. Meffler. Garretson Dr. Hardenbergh & the Chairman.

Article VI.

Communications.

A communication was received from the Evangelical Church which was referred to the Committee on [illegible]

The Faculty of the Theological College respectfully present to the Board of Superintendents the following Report,

The exercises of the year commenced with the following young Gentlemen in attendance,

of the Senior class,

H. Beasley	[illegible]	J. Lloyd
J. Canning	Wm. Miller.	J. Minor
J. Finnamore.	J. C. Shinn	G. Van Vest.
[illegible]	[illegible] Talmage	J. West.
[illegible]	J. Wyckoff.	[illegible]

Of the Middle class.

N. Chapman — J. Compton — J. C. Dutton
S. Fobes — C. B. [illegible] — J. H. Stewart
C. C. Spalding — P. D. Van Cleef — 8.

Of the Junior class.

N. Conklin — J. Lamport — F. Lord
R. Pease — A. R. Van Nest — J. Manning
E. Whitehead — J. W. Bellinger —

Of the above young gentlemen Mr. G. Van Nest in consequence of the death of his father, and the necessary reduction from that double bereavement, also the necessary attention to the affairs of the family estate deemed it proper to withdraw from the Seminary with the intention of returning to take his place with the present middle class at the commencement of the next term, which he is expected to do hence.

Mr. A. R. Van Nest intended with the present Senior class, but was compelled, as stated in a prior report, to withdraw on account of ill health, though in Goodness to God, he has been enabled to resume his studies, taking his place with the present Junior class.

Mr. Whitehead having been prevented in the early part of his course from regularly attending with his class, is now engaged in laying the first foundation of criticism. He was permitted as has been done on former occasions, to pass into the Didactic room, & will in consequence, be examined this year with the middle class. [illegible] the Senior class in criticism —

Mr. Manning is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bellinger was early & suddenly taken from us by the hand of death, [illegible] for

[illegible] faculty [illegible] in [illegible] best [illegible]
and [illegible] for [illegible] talents [illegible] they could best
[illegible] occasion. His loss is deeply deplored,
[illegible] we now with [illegible] the [illegible] Sovereignty
of God and not in the assurance that however our
hopes may be disappointed, He will not fail in
instrumentalities to carry on & perfect His own purposes
of grace to man —

The affairs of the Institution have proceeded throughout the year with regularity & order. If [illegible] occasion in which greater punctuality could have been desired, nothing has taken place to call for special notice and there is the [illegible]

The Faculty feel that they owe it to themselves to call the attention of the Board to the oft complained of practice of students preaching while members of the seminary — Facts exist in sufficient numbers to prove that the evil in its greatest magnitude is to be ascribed to the ministers of our church — Instead of leaving the Sabbaths free occasionally in the vicinity & under the eyes of the Professors, they engage them to occupy their pulpits at the Lord's day, at great distances from the seminary, under circumstances which give their exercises the character of regular preaching of the gospel, as if the authorized ministers of the word — While this practice is continued, it is vain that the faculty can do, can prevent the evil —

[illegible] the property of [illegible] the church to the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] to the independent maintenance of those who are recommended for [illegible] from the funds. The supply of ministers which the church now enjoys would amply justify in being particular in the choice of those who are to be ~~her~~ educated by her for her future Pastors & teachers.

By order of faculty
J. [illegible] Presidt.

[illegible] July 15 1845

Article VII.

Examinations

Resolved, that the examinations commence on the Tuesday afternoon – with an examination in the Students in Dogmatic and Polemic Theology each examination to occupy 3 hours –

Also the Candidates of the first class, viz a sermon of their talents in composing the same Evening,

That the Rev Dr Cannon commence the examination of the students in his department at 8 A.M. Wednesday & Dr Alex Clelland at 3 P.M. the same day each to occupy 3 hours, the Faculty appointed Pelatiah Fowler Esq appointed a committee to inform the Faculty of the above arrangement –

Tuesday 3 P.M.

Dr Ira Franklin commenced the examination of the Senior & middle class in Dogmatic and Polemic Theology and continued until 6 P.M.

Tuesday 8 P.M.

The students of the Senior class exhibited specimens of their manner of sermonizing in which exercise they were engaged upwards of an hour 10 –

Wednesday 8 A.M.

The Rev Dr Cannon commenced the examination of the classes assigned in his department and continued for 3 hours.

3 P.M.

Rev Dr Alex Clelland commenced the examination in his department of the students in the middle and Senior classes & was engaged in such examination till ½ past 5.

Wednesday Evening –

The Board were occupied in listening to statements from the members of the Senior class with respect to their evidences of piety and their views in entering the ministerial office until 9 P.M.

Resolved that the examination of the Senior class be sustained and that they be recommended to the Professors for their certificates for their licenses.

Article VIII

Reports of Committees

The committee on the admission of students presented their report which was adopted & accepted & is as follows.

The committee appointed to examine students into the theological Seminary, beg leave to report. That they met in the Library of the Theological College in New Brunswick on Tuesday the 1st October 1844. members of committee

Present,

Rev John Garretson
" Jacob Scommaker D.D.
" James B. Hardenbergh D.D.
" Thomas Strong D.D.
absent Rev Ebenezer Mapes

theological Professors present.

Rev S. H. Van Franklin D.D.
" H. McCullough D.D.
" J. Laurie D.D.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Dr Schomaker. Rev John Garretson acted as chairman & Rev J. M. Strong D.D. was appointed Clerk.

Nathaniel Conklin. John H. Manning
Daniel Lord Richard H. Steele
Jacob N. Bellinger John E. F. C. Whitehead
Jeremiah H. Davenport

presented themselves for admission into the Seminary & having produced testimonials of their being members of the church in good regular standing & graduates of College, and having been examined upon the subject of personal religion and their views in desiring to enter the gospel

minutes it was. Resolved - That the above named gentlemen be admitted as members of Theological Seminary -

A communication was received from Mr. a graduate of the last class in Rutgers College, stating his intention to make application to be received a member of Seminary but that he had met with an accident by which his leg had been severely injured, so as at present to prevent his walking any distance, and supposing that for the present, it be permitted to pursue the study of Hebrew under the Rev. Mr. Mills the pastor of the Reg. Dutch church of Bloomingburgh — Whereupon it was —

Resolved That the Theological Faculty be authorized to receive Mr Stell Minister, he appears within six weeks from the present time & produces the usual credentials and sustains the usual examination —

The meeting of the committee was closed with prayer by Rev Dr Cannon —

Respectfully submitted
Wm Smelzer Chairman

The Committee on Professional Reports presented their report which was accepted and adopted

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Faculty of the Theological College came from said report that the affairs of the institution have proceeded through the year with regularity and order the death of Mr J Bellinger a youth greatly esteemed and much lamented has occurred during the year

The Faculty mention as an evil the practice of students preaching before they are licensed

Your committee can only say on this subject that it is very evident that the practice of

would some allowing the students to preach at all except as a College exercise.

We would therefore suggest to the Board with the view of restricting the exercise of the students in the college chapel, the following resolution — resolved that in so much as the (Sermons) preaching of the students is considered by the faculty as a serious evil, the subject be referred to General Synod for their adjudication.

The faculty also suggest to the Board the importance of a more strict attention to the intellectual qualifications of those who are recommended for aid from funds. Especially as they state that now the supply of ministers would justify such a discrimination. This impression seems to your committee worthy of your grave consideration. Did your committee see no other method of securing such improvement than the worldly motive required by General Synod little fear of admission to the seminary and license to preach.

All which is respectfully submitted

Yours, &c.

Committee.

The committee on Synodical minutes presented their report which was accepted and [illegible] as follows.

The committee on Synodical minutes [illegible] to report that they find on the minutes of General Synod (page 418) a resolution that the [illegible] commencement be discontinued, [illegible] of this act of General Synod, [illegible] the Board to appoint one of their number to preach a sermon before them at their next stated meeting, on the minutes and page [illegible] was Rev. [illegible] Tomeine. He was a member of the Lower Lady in the year 1844, but was

alleged to settle down on account of his health is referred to this Board, they recommend that Mr. Lemaine present himself for examination with the senior class in the seminary, at this meeting; if his examination be satisfactory, Mr. Brown be then given to pursue his studies with the regular class. Any action by this Board in such case will of course depend upon the fact whether Mr. Lemaine presents himself for examination as aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted
John Brown
Chairman,

The committee on Ministerial Reports in behalf their report was accepted & adopted —

"The committee on Ministerial Reports by leave to present the following as their report, viz:

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall, City New Brunswick, N. J. on P. O. Wed. Mr., May 15th 1845.

The following members were present viz:

Rev. Samuel Fenwick
" Evangelus Higgins
Samuel M. Strong D.D.
" J. M. Hip
" J. Elmore
" James Murphy D.D.
C. L. Van Dyke
" Charles Whitehead
" John H. Pitcairn
" James D. Hardenbergh D.D.
" William B. Whitehead —

Rev. S. Langstaff D.D.
" Benjamin Beale
" J. & N. Cornell
" A. H. Vinton
" Mr. Meyer D.D.
" Isaac Wales D.D.
" L. H. Mueller
J. V. Hoads
" J. Schermerhorn D.D.

Also an address to the throne of Grace, the Board was organized by the election of the Rev. Thos. Strong D.D. President and Rev. Francis M. Hip Clerk pro tem.

From the Pac by we learn that

The second term of the year, commenced with the following young gentlemen in attendance viz.

Of Senior class

H. Berry	A. H. A. Kemp	J. Lloyd
S. Lawson	W. F. Miller	J. Skinner
J. Simonson	J. C. Young	G. Vanderveer
J. Talmage	C. G. Talmage	J. West
J. H. Vorhees	J. Wyckoff	— 15.

Of Middle class.

J. Folsom	J. Compton	J. C. Dutcher
J. Huber	B. F. Morrison	J. F. Stewart
J. Spalding	P. D. Van Cleef	8

Junior class

A. Conklin	J. Davenport	D. Lord
V. Slack	A. R. Vanderveer	A. Manning
J. E. Whitehead	J. H. Bellinger	— 8

The above young Gentlemen (the Faculty remarks) Mr. George Van Vleet, in consequence of the death of his Parents, and the necessity resulting from that double bereavement of attending to the affairs of the Family-estate, deemed it proper to withdraw from Seminary with the intention of returning to take his place with the present Middle class, at the commencement of the next term, when he is expected to be here. And Mr. Van Vleet entered with the present Senior class but was compelled (as stated in a former report) to withdraw on account of ill health; through the goodness of God, he has been enabled to resume his studies, taking his place with the present Senior class.

Mr. Bellinger (continues the Faculty), was early & suddenly taken from us by the hand of death! Beloved for his amiable mind and piety while he was best known, and esteemed for his talents, more they would be best appreciated his loss is deeply deplored — [illegible] we have

with submission to the Sovereignty of God and rose
... in a manner that some our hopes may be
disappointed; He will not fail in in Tremendous
to carry on and perfect this work purposes of grace
man." and finally they say that.

The affairs of the Institution have proceeded thus
the year with be usually and well. and if some cases
have occurred in which greater prudentially could
have been desired; nothing has taken place to
call for special representation to the Board—

From the above Statement and catalogue
it appears that which the year commenced
with thirty two Students in the Seminary only
nine were present at the annual examination
having been previously called away by domestic
affliction, and the other having departed (as we
trust) to be with Christ, which is far better,

Now in this connexion you will
remember, an additional bereavement the church
was required during the last year in the death
of Sister E. Wheller. it will be remembered
that this health failed time after spending two
years in our School at the Seminary, and that she
had received leave of dispensation from the
remainder of this course at their session in 1844
and permission to be examined with this class.

Discharged superintendent duties at this time during a year
as a member of the committee for the reception of Students in
the fall. in order to obtain the remainder of the
Institute;— but it has been an all wise providence
to deem this very interesting and promising young
brother the privilege for which he longed of entering
the door thus opened before him and to receive the
Gospel ministry and of the Young, it of his much desired
labours by continued and increasing usefulness until
in April of the current year. he was gathered into his
Fathers House the wicked cease from troubling and

the money out it said"

The students then examined for the most of two days on the various branches of study, in which their attention has been directed, and exhibited throughout highly satisfactory evidence of diligence and proficiency. They also gave the usual specimens in composition and preaching, which were [illegible]

That the examination be considered as the members of the present Junior class who have appeared before the Board be recommended to the Professors, the usual vacation to entitle them to Examination before the General class to which they belong, for the purpose of being licensed to preach the glorious Gospel of the blessed God".

"Resolved" that inasmuch as the Preaching of the students is complained of by the Faculty as "[illegible] vile; the subject be referred to General Synod for their adjudication". This course was pursued and adopted by the Board, because all their attempts have hitherto failed, to secure obedience to what "is believed is and ought to be regarded as the rules and principles of our theological seminary.

The seats of the following members of the Board become vacant at the next meeting of the General Synod viz —

Rev. J. F. Schaffer,	South classes of New York.
" Jno. E. Mullin	Classes of Albany
" Elias M. Strong D.D.	South classes Long Island
Jno. H. Fetter,	Classes of Washington
" Alexander R. Chittenden	Classes of Schoharie.
Charles W. Weed	" Orange
" Lawrence A. Searle	Classes of Greene,

At the close of the exercises an address was made to the students by the Rev Thos. H.

Song D.T according to appointment; and prayer being offered by the Board adjourned —
a copy of which is respectfully submitted
James D. Hardy Secretary pro tem.

Thos. le Conte Secretary

Article IX
Publication —

Mr. Cotton appointed to provide the sum upon the Board at the next annual meeting and Mr. Hyde his secondus.

Mr. Hyde was appointed to deliver an address to the Students at our next annual meeting, and Mr. [illegible] his secondus.

Resolved, that the Faculty Class be authorized to procure and keep for the use of the Board, the Whole Minutes of the General Synod of our Church,

Resolved, the Secretary, not having made it a duty that the exercises of our Literary and Theological departments in Hobart's Calvin Chancel preach on the Sabbath in the College chapel [illegible] regular attendance of the Theological students being considered of great importance as an example to those of the Literary department

Resolved that if he cannot conveniently inform this Board in any case of said students, true punctual in his attendance upon the preaching in the chapel, and that said Board cannot consider any inconvenience or inferior as a sufficient reason in any case for said students to absent himself from said services;

Resolved, that the rules of the Board with respect to the preaching the students be read to the students when they shall present themselves to matriculate.

Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to address to the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] addresses to the [illegible]

X

Article I.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 1846 at 12 M.

Opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Schoonmaker the oldest member present.

Article II.

Members present.

On calling the roll the following members appeared and took their seats viz.

Rev. J. Meeker D.D.
" E. Higgins
" J. Schoonmaker D.D.
" G. H. Bethune D.D.
" [illegible]
" Wm. [illegible]
" G. L. Van Pelt
" [illegible]
" H. [illegible] Cornell

Rev. D. L. Taylor D.D.
" [illegible] Quigg D.D.
" [illegible] Kip
" J. C. Brice
" [illegible]
" [illegible] D.D.
" [illegible]
J. P. Lee

Article III

The Board was organized by the election of the Rev. [illegible] President and Rev. J. P. Lee Clerk pro tem.

Article IV

Reading of the minutes and votes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and votes were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

(1) Nominating Committee.

Rev. Drs Bethune and Meeker & Rev. Mr [illegible]

On Synodical Reports.

Rev Drs. Taylor, Abel and Schenck.

On Synodical Minutes

Rev. Messrs Francis Rice and Van Dyck

On the Admission of Students.

The following committee was appointed:
Rev Drs. Taylor, Bethune, Wisner, Sutton, and Dwight, in connection with the Students.

Article II

Communications.

The following Annual Report of the Faculty on the State of the Theological School was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Theological Students:

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary respectfully submit to the Board of Superintendents the

Report.

There have been in attendance on the exercises of the Institution during the last year the following young Gentlemen of the Senior Class

Nathan Hageman	James Napton
Saml Quicher	Benjamin Silliman
Sapinus Taber	Cyrus Spaulding
Joel T. Stewart	Paul [illegible] Van Cleef
George Van Ness	
[illegible] Van Conklin	[illegible] D. Davenport
Saml Fisk	John H. Manning
Richard H. Steele	Alm. R. Van [illegible]

Senior Class.

Cornelius D. Colling	John [illegible] Moore
Philip Kelly	Samuel S. Wales
[illegible] Stout	Charles T. Still
[illegible] Snyder	William [illegible]
[illegible] Todd	Rueben Van Buren
Thomas [illegible]	

In the regular Course Mr. George Van Ness would have been licensed with the Graduates of the last Senior Class but the loss of his parents imposed upon him an amount of secular business which rendered necessary the whole time of his studies for a year.

The Faculty do not feel called upon to make any particular statement with regard to the attendance and proficiency of the students during the year. In Mr. Van Ness's case they might have been greatly benefited without injuring a brother. The other students have not been such as to demand special calls.

The Faculty's appointment of the gentlemen who were graduated they, and the various ways they have contributed to promote the interests of religion in the Church Militant. The election of a Bishop in the Lower Diocese of Ohio, for the same benefit of Brotherhood England in the East is in a great measure coming to the active assistance of a member of the present Senior Class - and it is gratifying to the Faculty to be informed that some of the members of Middle Class are engaged in spreading the Coming Revival in Christendom spread in the more Austerne parts of the Land.

It is scarcely known to most of the members of the Board that by the existing regulations of the College all the students are required to study the French language as a part of the regular Course in the Institution, and that for this an additional Charge is made. Without feeling a disposition to deem a liberty to remark on this legislation as in general keeping the expediency of its operation upon the Theological Department. Induces the Faculty to present the subject to the Board of Superintendents.

The inter. charge is not great in itself but it is by no means inconsiderable to those who are required to [illegible] most rigid economy to meet their necessary expenses. With the amount of [illegible] available by the present [illegible] so small that now an acquaintance with the French language more important in Theology than it is, what is actually obtained would afford but a poor return for the time & money much is lost. That however which the Faculty deem of no more importance is that the time occupied by the French should be thrown to the Greek. In the absence of this Oriental language, the most [illegible] difficulties are opened to students. Thus [illegible] the Dean [illegible] the Faculty were to allege for to illustrate the consequences of such deficiencies rising upon the Church while in the distribution upon the results of subsequent study.

Should the Board deem the subject of sufficient importance to demand the attention of Synod perhaps such an arrangement might be made between the Board and the Trustees of the College as to secure all those in the College who have the ministry in view and who may want it from the obligation to study the French language as well as from the obligation to pay for its tuition at the same time an arrangement might be made by which a larger attention to the study of the Greek would be secured.

The Faculty would rather respectfully suggest in the hope that the attention of Synod may be called the subject that there is a great deficiency in the Library of Ecclesiastical & Historical Commentaries & Books of reference the most important to be in the hands of students while attending upon the lectures delivered in the several departments. An application to supply this deficiency would be attended with important advantages to the institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Faculty

J. H. Van Vranken Pres. T.

Theological Hall

14th. 1846

An appeal to W. C. Dickson was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Reports.

Article III

Examinations.

It was resolved, That the examination of the Students commence at 3 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday and that each Professor occupy three hours in said examinations.

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class give their specimens of the composition and delivery of sermons on Wednesday morning from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class be examined on their personal religion and their views in entering the ministry on Wednesday Evening from 8 to 9 o'clock.

On Wednesday morning from 8 to 9, the members of the Senior Class gave their specimens of the composition and delivery of a sermon.

The examination of the Students commenced on Tuesday afternoon and continued till Wednesday Evening.

The Senior Class was examined in Sacred Rhetoric, Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew Language, the Middle Class in Didactic and Polemic Theology, Church History, the Greek Testament, and Canons of Criticism, the Senior Class in Didactic and Polemic Theology, Church History, Government, Pastoral Theology, Personal Religion, and their views in entering upon the Gospel ministry.

The [illegible] was then adopted: Resolved, that the examination be sustained and that the following individuals, members of the Senior Class be and hereby are recommended for the usual diplomas, viz:

Nathan Chapman	James Compton
Saul Dutcher	Benjamin Murdock
Sapinus Seeber	Cyrus Spa[illegible]
Abel T. Stewart	

Article VIII

The Committee on the Revision of the Rules reported the following Amendment of the Third Article which was adopted —

The Board shall annually elect a President and Clerks. They shall also appoint a Stated Clerk who shall hold his office agreeably to the provisions of Gen. Synod in 1841 see Page 51.

These provisions are as follows:

"In reference to the Stated Clerk of the Board your Committee recommend that he be a permanent officer: i.e. continue from year to year until he shall resign, or any Board for sufficient cause shall elect a successor

The Committee on Synodical Minutes offered their report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that they find the following items upon the Minutes of General Synod claiming the attention of this Board.

Page 51. "The Board [illegible] for the adjudication of the General Synod. Complaint of the Faculty against the students for rioting, and your Com. report that the Board state that they have failed in the attempts they have made to secure compliance with the [illegible] they deem. And your Com. concur with the Board in the [illegible]

Your Com. believe that the evil complained of calls for a decided [illegible] institution. The character of the institution, and the proper training of the future Ambassadors of the gospel alike demand [illegible] for discipline, to sustain authority."

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following [illegible] on:

Resolved that the minutes of Gen. Synod relative to be read to the students by the President of this Board when they shall be present to hear the address.

I Committee find the following upon page 12:

"The Com. have given their attention to the subject of the time of the annual examination of the Theological Seminary which was referred to them. The change which is contemplated they consider as attended with several disadvantages. The meeting of the Board of Superintendents will be nearer before the Seminary should immediately after the examinations are over as under the present arrangement it is subject to a delay of nearly a year. The young men will be enabled to present their diplomas certificates at the Spring session of the Synods and the expense of the papers will be unnecessary. It will be of advantage to young men as they will be sent into the fields of labor at a season of the year more favorable for their visits to the Churches and for their journeys for travelling. No Candidates before our Presbyteries. Under the present plan a long time between licensure and ordination that if a Candidate receives a call it is often put to serious inconvenience by removing in the winter to the scene of his duty. By the proposed change our young men will enter upon their work about the same time with Graduates from other Institutions. The change also is only a return to a practice which prevailed from the establishment of the Seminary to the revival of the College and was found exceeding. The revenues of the Institution as regards the other expenses will go on as at present as affected by the proposed change. As it is a subject of great moment, it is deemed proper to refer it to the Board of Directors with power to make the change."

Upon this matter the Com. are not prepared to recommend any resolution corresponding with the foregoing recommendation believing that if any change is made in relation to the time of the Course it should be lengthened rather than shortened.

The following is found on page 88. "Resolved, that the report of Mr. Anderson be referred to the Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary."

The Com. have nothing to recommend relative to this case inasmuch as it has been referred to another Committee.

Respectfully submitted

The Com. on Professional reports, presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

To the Professional reports by leave respectfully to report:

That in the report of the Theological Faculty which generally a pleasing account of the Students they find to the matters requiring notice from the Board.

The first is a suggestion from the Faculty that a change might be made profitably for the students by dispensing with the rule requiring them to study French as a part of their collegiate course and designing the time so saved to the study of Greek. The Com are not prepared to urge the proposed change but think it due to the Theological faculty that an extract from their report, nearly their views on the subject be sent to the General Synod with the Annual report of this Board.

The second is that the attention of the Synod be invited through this Board to the great advantage which would result from an addition to the Library, additional of Systems, History, Commentaries, Books of Reference, &c. also important to be in the hands of Students while attending upon Lectures in the Several departments. The Com. also agree with the Faculty in their desire for such an improvement of the Library and submit the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Superintendents earnestly recommend to the Gen. Synod a liberal appropriation of money to purchase a greater number of Systematic and Textual books, Commentaries, Books of Reference and others suitable for the use of the Students in the Theological School, as the Library is at present of Children in these branches.

Geo. H. Gerhart
Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Reports presented the following special report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Case of Mr. William Brewer as presented in the Minutes of the last General Synod are fully up. That they deem this case a proper one for the action of the Com. of this Board appointed to receive Students into the Theological Seminary and recommend the following resolutions viz.

1. Resolved. That Mr. Brewer's private application to the aforesaid Com. bearing to them his morals & credentials and that if they be found defective and unsatisfactory, he be examined on such a course of Study as are now required for admission and if found qualified he be received.

2. Resolved. That if received he be recommended as a candidate for aid to the Board of Education for the usual appropriation and in the event of their inability to add more to the list of beneficiaries they be requested to unite with the Trustees of Rutgers College to have him aided from funds.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin C. Taylor

The Same Committee presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee respectfully present the following report:

The Superintendents of the Theological Seminary convened in Mental Session in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, Tuesday [illegible] 5th

The following members were present:

Rev. G. Messler S.S.	Rev. C. L. van Cleef	Rev. J. C. Brown
" C. Higgins	" G. Scott S.S.	" C. [illegible]
" J. Cheesman S.S.	" N. H. Carver	" [illegible]
" J. M. Bethune S.S.	" B. C. Taylor D.D.	
" J. H. D. Wilson	" M. W. [illegible]	
" W. Demarest	" F. M. [illegible]	

The Classes of New York - South Classis of New Schenectady, Hackensack, Paparic, Illinois and Michigan were not represented at this meeting.

After an address to the throne of grace by the Rev. D. Schoonmaker the Board was organized [illegible] President, and Rev. Robert Lee Clerk pro tem.

The Rev. Rawford Wells having resigned the office of State Secretary of the Board, Rev. David E. Emerson was elected to fill the vacancy.

From the report of the Theological Faculty, the following information is derived:

There have been twenty six students in attendance throughout the year, viz

of the Senior Class	
Norman Chapman	James Meigs
Jacob Gricker	Benjamin Linden
Stephen Secker	Wynie Spaulding
Abel J. Stout	Paul J. Van Cleef
George Van Ness	
of the Middle Class	
Nathan Corbin	Jerome B. Dwenport
David Lord	John J. Manning
Richard L. Reed	Wm. Van Nest - 6
of the Junior Class	
Cornelius D. Elting	John A. Hammond
Philip Pettit	Samuel J. Searle
[illegible] Smith	Charles S. Stitt
Peter Stryker	William H. Van Buren
John F. Todd	Rutgers Van Rensselaer 11
Schemerhorn Van Nyse	

Faculty Day "At the regular Commencement Mr. George Van Ness [illegible] have been licensed with the Gentlemen of the East [illegible] of his parents impressed upon him

The Faculty do not feel called upon to make any portion of their statement with regard to the attendance and proficiency of the students during the year.

The religious department of the Young Gentlemen has been praiseworthy; and in various ways they have contributed to promote the interests of religion in the City of Toronto. The evening of a Bethel in the lower part of the City for the special benefit of Boatmen engaged on the Canal is in a great measure owing to the active exertions of a member of the "Senior Class." And it is gratifying to the Faculty to be informed that some of the members of the Middle Class are engaged to spend the coming vacation in missionary services in more destitute parts of this Province."

The Faculty have presented two matters to your Board which it seems proper should be acted upon by the Senate.

The first is a suggestion that a charge might properly be made in the requisition of all the students in the College to study the French language as part of the regular course in the Institution for which an additional charge is made. The Theological Faculty say "without feeling a disposition to lose a liberty to remark on this regulation in its general bearing, the experience of its operation upon the Theological department induces the Faculty to bring the subject before the Board of Superintendents. The extra charge is not great in itself, but it is by no means inconsiderable for those who are required to practise the most rigid economy in their temporary expenses. Besides, the consideration of time is one by the present plan is so much that have a acquaintance with the French language more previous than it is in Theology. What is actually obtained would appear but a poor return for the time and money it costs. That however which the Faculty [illegible] importance is that the time occupied with the st[illegible] be devoted to the Greek. In the [illegible] ledge of this [illegible] generally the most embarrassing deficiencies are [illegible] Report for the Board may not allow the [illegible]

attempt to ameliorate the consequences of such deficiencies either upon the course pursued in the Institution or upon the results of subsequent study. Should the Board deem the subject of sufficient importance to demand the attention of Synod perhaps such an arrangement might be made between that Reverend Body and the Trustees of the College as would secure all those in the ministry who have the ministry in view, and who may wish it from the obligation to study the French language as well as from the obligation to pay for it while at the same time an arrangement might be made by which a larger attention to the study of the German might be secured."

Beyond thus bringing the subject before the Synod as by your Rev. Body alone can the arrangement, if deemed proper be effected.

The second suggestion of the Faculty is embraced in the following Resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved,

That the Board of Superintendents earnestly recommend to General Synod a liberal appropriation of money to purchase a certain number of systematic and Historical Bible Commentaries, Books of reference and others fitted for the use of the Students in the Theological School as the Library is at present very deficient in these branches.

Our gratitude due to a kind and gracious God for the measure of health enjoyed by our Professors and Students during the past year. The course of Instruction and Study has not been interrupted by sickness, nor has death invaded their ranks as in the preceding year. Yet it is worthy of notice that the number of our Students of Theology has been diminished. For what this may be attributed our Board cannot say. But there does not appear any good reason why our School in the Pupils' Wants not be more largely supplied with pupils.

Examination of the Students heretofore named continued for the greater part of two days on the various branches of study pursued in this [illegible]

They also exhibited specimens of construction & preach. Upon it was resolved, that the examination be continued and the present Senior Class who have appeared before the Board be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate & entitled them to examination before the several classes to which they belong for the purpose of being licensed to preach the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God.

The seats of the following members of the Board become vacant at the time of the next annual meeting of the General Synod viz.

Rev. James B. Vandenberg D.D. of the Classis of New York
" Jacob Schoonmaker D.D. of the North Classis of L. Island
" J. H. Dupuy " " Poughkeepsie
" C. S. Van Cleef " " Bergen
" C. Lozier " " Hackensack
" A. Meigs " " Paramus

On the subject of a change of the time of the annual examination of the Theological School specially referred to the Board by the last General Synod, it was resolved to say that,

That the Board do not propose to effect any change on this point believing that instead of diminishing the course of study, in the Seminary it might rather be lengthened.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached on the evening of the first day of their sitting by Rev. Abraham Messler D.D. and at the close of their examination, an address was made to the students by Rev. John Wycoff according to appointment. And prayer having closed the Board adjourned.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

Benjamin C. Taylor Chairman

Abr. H. Quick Rec.

Article IX

Miscellaneous.

Br. Rev. T. Wells tendered his resignation of the Office of Stated Clerk. The resignation of Br. Wells was accepted and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved That the cordial thanks of this Board be presented to the Rev. T. Wells for the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Br. Rev. David T. Emerson was elected Stated Clerk and signified his acceptance of the office.

A Committee consisting of Br. Stephen Tripp - Ian Dept. was appointed to inform the Presbyters that the Board was to prepare to enter upon the examination of the Missionary Km.

A bill for lighting the Church, amounting to $2.00 for the divine service held by the Board was presented and ordered paid.

It was Resolved That a Special Com. be appointed to revise the rules of the Board. The Com. on this subject were Bros. Messrs. Kemp & Jones.

Br. Jones to have the Board was delivered in the First Presb. Church in the Rev. Com. Wells Dr. on Friday evening from 1 Cor. 2.4.

The address to the students was delivered by the Rev. Charles Muirhead.

Br. R. Dec. N. Bethune D.D. was elected to preach the sermon before the Board at its next annual meeting and the Rev. F. P. Sey. was chosen Secretary. The Rev. B. C. Taylor D.D. was invited to deliver the address to the students at the same.

And the Rev. A. C. Brice be his Secretary.

The door keeper presented his bill which was ordered paid. Amounting to $4.13 c.

Article X.

Adjournment and Close.

The minutes were read and approved. Adjourned with prayer by the President.

M. N. Leiper Pres.t
Robt. P. Lee Sr. Clerk pro tem.

T. E. Emerson St. Clerk

Article I.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick, N.J. Friday, December 1847 12 o'clock M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Dwight President of the last Board.

Article II.

Members present.

The following members appeared and took their seats:

Mr. George F. Fisher D.D.
" A. J. Scollen D.D.
" J. N. Chambers.
" John F. Duryea
" M. H. Dwight D.D.
" Wm. M. Mann
" Geo. H. Birdsall D.D.
" Ira E. Scott
" James A. H. Colwell
" William Demarest

Mr. James Murphy D.D.
" Jno. G. Vanderveer
" David A. Jones
" Gerardus Hoes D.D.
" Robert P. Lee
" Wm. J. Conover
" A. N. Dezendorf
" Jno. F. Staats
" Garret S. Garretson
" Benj. C. Taylor D.D.

Article III.

Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Birdsall President & J. N. Chambers Esq. Secy.

Article IV.

Reading of the minutes & letters.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The letters were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees.

The following standing Committees were appointed:

On Periodical Papers.

Rev. J. M. S. Miller, Rev. R. P. Lee, Rev. S. J. Jones.

On the Synodical Report.

Rev. J. Alexander D.D. Rev. J. M. Mann, Rev. C. H. Gregory

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. S. G. Van Deusen, Rev. J. C. Baird, Rev. J. H. Dunyap

On Admission of Students.

Rev. Jos. A. Fisher D.D. Rev. J. Duryea, J. H. Chambers.

J. H. Lowell, W. Demarest, with the Professors.

Article VI

Communications.

The following Annual Report of the Faculty in the State of the Theological School was presented, and referred to the Committee on Periodical Papers:

"To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College the Faculty respectfully report –

That there have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution during the last year, the following young gentlemen namely.

Of the Senior Class.

Nathaniel Conklin
Samuel Lodge
Richard J. Steele
Jesse A. Davenport
John J. Manning
Abraham A. Van Nesta

Of the Middle Class

C. Dubois Ellings
Philip Gurley
John Steele
Peter Stryker
John Adams Todd,
Cornelius Van Wyck
John A. Hammond
Samuel J. Searle
Charles J. Stiles
William H. Van Eycke
Rutgers Van Brunt

Of the Senior Class.

William Anderson
Eric Mason Davis
Philip Phelps Dor.
Eric H. Scherck
James Van Nest
James Eckel
Joseph S. Dodge
Hiram H. Hincop
Benjamin F. Sayers

Mr. Manning of the Senior Class entered the Institution as a member of the Presbyterian Church but he has since changed his Ecclesiastical relations by connecting himself with the Dutch Church.

Have nothing special to communicate. The Providence of God has kindly preserved the health of the Students and although there have been instances of bereavement of parents, the interruptions to study were not carried by and what the sensitivities of the heart would naturally demand. The attention to study has been generally good, such that puts the Board into judge. The deportment of the young gentlemen has in no instance such that the Faculty is accustomed been inconsistent with their profession and aims. But where there were indications of something more than the ordinary presence of the Spirit of God in the College, the Students of the Seminary were not without a share of the gracious influence.

James S. Cannon
Wm. M. Chellis
J. H. Mc Neal

New Brunswick, July 20th 1847.

Sir. When the Case was written it did not occur to present to the Board the Case of Mr. Phelps of the Junior Class who has been absent engaged in teaching during the course of the last session. The Providence was a peculiarly favorable one for the [illegible] of means to enable Mr. P. to prosecute his studies. The Board yielded a reluctant assent thereunto to Mr. P. upon his responsibility. The peculiarities of the Case however, and the Engagement of Mr. P. to submit to an Examination

both his Class together with the character of the young gentleman himself, bespeak in the opinion of the Faculty the favorable regards of the Board.

A Communication has received from Mr. Richard Grant which was referred to a select Committee consisting of Revs. A. Murphy & Mr. Rogers, Gregory, and Mann.

A Communication has received from Mr. David Cole on the manner of his pursuing his studies. On the reading of which, Mr. Cole was directed to carry his application to the next General Synod.

Article VII

Examinations.

It was resolved, That the examination of the Students commence at 3½ o'clock P.M. on Tuesday and that each Professor occupy three hours in his examination.

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class give their specimens of the composition and delivery of sermons on Wednesday A.M. from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class be examined on their personal religion and their views in entering the ministry on Wednesday Evening from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. H. N. Dwight and Mr. Wm. Sim. Grant were appointed a committee to communicate the above resolutions to the Professors.

The examination of the Students commenced on Tuesday afternoon and continued until Wednesday noon.

The Junior Class was examined in Sacred Antiquities, Pastoral Theology, and the Hebrew language. The Middle Class in Didactic and Polemic Theology, Church History, Greek Testament, and Canon of Sacred Scripture. The Senior Class in Didactic and Polemic Theology, Church History & Government, Pastoral Theology, Personal religion and views in entering the ministry.

The following Resolution was then unanimously adopted - Resolved that the examination be sustained and that the following individual members of the Senior Class be and hereby are recommended for the usual Reg. certificate.

Nathaniel Conklin Richard A. Steele John A. Manning
Daniel Lord Jerome A. Davenport Abm. A. Van Nest

Report III

Reports of Committees

The following Report from the Com. on the admission of students was made and accepted:

The following Report is respectfully submitted to the Board of Superintendents of the Theol. Seminary of the Ref. Dutch Church --

The Committee met Oct. 1st. 1846 for the examination of applicants for admission into the Theological Seminary.

Present Rev. Professors Cannon, Ter. Vanden & Mr. Ecklund and Rev. Drs Taylor and Dwight.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Taylor Chairman of the Committee.

The following gentlemen appeared as applicants and produced the necessary documents which were read and on motion approved: Henry Ecker, Philip Phelps Jr. W. Anderson, Wm. H. Hodges, John N. Schenck, Theodore B. Romeyn, Benjamin F. Snyder, Jacob F. Van Nest, John M. Ferris. The Com. then proceeded to an examination of the young men on personal religion and their views in desiring to enter the Ministry. Whereupon it was

Resolved that the examination be sustained and that they be received.

In the case of Mr. Anderson, it was resolved that the Chairman of the Com. confer with the corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education as to the fund from which he shall derive support.

Application was made at the same time by Mr. Archibald Stout and upon representations made by members of the Committee it was resolved.

Sever Rev. Drs. Taylor and Dwight be a Committee to confer with the Sinai Faculty in reference to his Conduct and qualifications while a member of College.

This Com. having reported the following Preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas Mr. Stout has not heretofore exhibited that application to study and that circumspection in his conduct which promise usefulness in the Ministry, therefore,

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to admit him into membership with the Sinai institution during the present year.

The Candidates who have received being then called in were addressed by the Chairman of the Committee.

Resolved That a Copy of the resolution in the case of Mr Stout be furnished to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education.

Resolved. That the Prudential be authorized to receive provisionally Any who may apply after the adjournment of the Committee.

The Minutes having been read, the Com. on motion adjourned.

Benjn C. Taylor,
Chairman of Com.

It was resolved. That so much of this report as refers to the case of Archibald Stout be referred to the Special Committee already appointed in his case.

The Com. on Prudential Reports presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Com. on the Prudential Report beg leave respectfully to report:

That in the report of the Theological Faculty which gives generally a pleasing account of the Students

they paid twice single tuition during the term of the Board.

It is the case of one of the Students, that the Faculty have allowed to absent himself from the regular Course of Study in the Seminary to Consequence of the necessity laid upon him to obtain regular pecuniary means. They have however connected the permission with the requirement that he should show an examination with his Class and you Committee learn that he has complied with this requisition. Your Committee presumed that here this attitude to become a precedent it would be very injurious, but as the Faculty seem to feel fully aware of this and to consider the Claims and circumstances of the young man as very peculiar, your Committee do not deem any special action necessary further than the following resolution which they would present for the adoption of the Board.

Resolved, That the action of the Professors in the Case of Mr. Phelps be approved.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Mr T. Williams Chairman.

The Committee on Special Matters reported as follows and the report was accepted and adopted.

The Com. to Special Matters report

that they find the following resolutions upon the Minutes of Twenty Years ago Claiming the attention of this Board. page 1.

"Resolved That the Cases of Messrs. Ann and Hewett be referred to the Com. on the Condition of Students in the Theological School: instructing the Com. to allow them to enter the Seminary with a much less amount of Classical learning than is usually required.

Resolved that after the years study in the Theological School the Professors in the Seminary be satisfied with their acquirements as respects their Classmen. Also be authorized to give them Certificates to Come before any Classis for Examination and ordination."

The Com. would call the attention of the Com. of Synod by the Board for the employment of students in the Theological Seminary to these resolutions at their fall meeting. Respectfully submitted

John C. Vandervoort
Chairman

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following which was adopted:

The Committee to draft the Report to the General Synod respectfully present the following

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary convened in Station Lyceum in the Theological Hall in New Brunswick on Tuesday Feby 20th 1866 at 12 o'clock M.

The following members were present:

Rev. G. H. Fisher D.D.	Rev. W. S. Miller D.D.	Rev. J. N. Chambers
" Wm. H. Campbell	" J. W. Mann	" J. M. Demarest D.D.
" Wm. H. Enright D.D.	" Jas. C. Brice	" J. V. D. Cornell
" H. Demarest	" Henry Hoffman D.D.	" J. C. Vandervoort
" David V. Jones	" Gustavus Hoffman D.D.	" C. S. Irving
" H. J. Venable	" R. P. Lee	" Wm. J. Shaw
" J. J. Gardner	" B. C. Taylor D.D.	

The Classis of Schenectady and Rensselaer were not represented at this meeting.

Upon the adding to the throne of grace by the Rev. G. H. Fisher the Board was organized by the election by Ballot of Rev. G. H. Fisher D.D. President, and Rev. J. N. Chambers Clerk pro tem.

From the Report of the Theological Faculty the following information is derived. There have been in attendance upon the Exercises of the Institution during the last year the following young Gentlemen viz:

Of the Senior Class.

Samuel Corbin, [illegible] Reid, Michael [illegible]
Lewis J. Lawrence, John S. Manning, Wm. A. Van Nuis

Of the Middle Class.

A. Dobson Elling, Philip Perry, John Steele, Jas. Snyder, John H. Hammond, John Adams Searle, Henry J. Jones, Charles J. Stier, Wm. S. Fr. Eyster, Hedgeus Van Brunt, Rehemiah Van Wyck.

Of the Junior Class.

William Dobson, Henry Eckel, Jas. Stover Ferris, Joseph S. Scraggs, Philip Phelps jr., Hendor S. Arrington, John H. Schenck, Benjamin J. Snyder, Israel Van Sicklen.

The faculty in their report mark that "Mr. Manning of the Senior Class intends the Ministry as a member of the Presbyterian Church, but he has since changed his Ecclesiastical relations by connecting himself with the Dutch Church.

The Faculty also state that Mr. Phelps of the Junior Class has been absent during the Close of the last session and has been engaged in teaching during this time in order to procure means to prosecute his studies." The faculty yielded a reluctant consent thereto, leaving Mr. P. upon his own responsibility and commend the young man to the Board from the peculiarities of his case, viz. his character of the young gentleman and his engagement to study & the examination with his class. "The providence of God has visibly protected the health of the students, and although there have been instances of bereavement of parents, the circumstances to study have not carried beyond what the sensibilities of the heart naturally demand. The attention to study has been generally good. The deportment of the young gentlemen has in no instance with which the faculty is acquainted been inconsistent with their profession and aims, and we then have indications of something more than the ordinary presence of the spirit of God in the College. The students of the Seminary have not manifested a share of the prevailing influence."

In reference to the above report of the Faculty the Board, resolved. That the action of the Professors in the case of Mr. Phelps be approved.

Jno. A.

Committee on the Common School Fund reported that the report was accepted and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Van Fleet

[illegible] leave to withdraw his Communication [illegible] be allowed to make application for admission into the Seminary at the next meeting of the Committee on the Admission of Students.

Article IX

Miscellaneous.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. S. Bishop, delivered on the Common School report to the Board on the last Tuesday previous the Committee. And on Wednesday evening the Rev. Dr. Yager delivered the Common School address in the Church of the Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Spencer was [illegible] to present his report to the Board at its last annual meeting. And the Rev. Wm. C. Allen has chosen Secretary. Rev. A. P. Lee has chosen to deliver the address to the students on the same meeting. And Rev. S. H. Crawford to his sermon.

The Treasurer presented his [illegible] which was ordered to place on file, to wit:

[illegible] for the [illegible] of the [illegible] School [illegible] which has been in [illegible] ordered to be paid.

Dr. [illegible] Resolved, That the Secretary [illegible] Rev. [illegible] of the Com. to attend upon the students previous to its [illegible] by the [illegible] members of the Committee.

Article X.

Adjournment and Close.

The minutes were read and approved. Adjourned with prayer by the President.

Geo. H. Williams, Pres.

G. D. Lemmon, Sec. pro tem.

S. H. Crawford, Secretary

A Communication was received from Mr David Cox requesting to be furnished a person a Copy of Prestyterian Standards with a view to licensure but on the Examiners from his attendance at College Hence it was resolved that the Board recommend the Application to care of the case to the next Synod for their Consideration.

The Students of the Second Class were examined by the Presbytery in the various branches of the respective departments. The examination was throughout very satisfactory. The Students have not only made rapid progress in the acquisition of knowledge but have been trained to the use of their own minds in the investigation of truth. The members of the Senior Class were examined on their progress in Divinity. And there was in closing to Enter on Ministerial Life Excellent specimens of Sermons and Teaching.

A Vote of thanks was tendered to the Examiners for their services and that the following gentlemen be recommended to the Synod for the licence Sacred Music, Mr Adams, Cookin, Alonzo Lee Ariel, A Shute Jun, Nathan Lewis, Jr Morning, Jr Sabin, Vista

I Cannot close here the Board has present on the Evening of the first day of the Sessions by Rev. S. N. Brown D.D. - And on the close of the Examination the address to the Students was delivered by the Rev. S. G. Taylor D.D.

The Seats of the following members of the Board have been vacant at the time of the last Annual Meeting of the Synod viz

Rev. S. N. Brown D.D. of the Classis of Philadelphia
" James Murphy D.D. " " Montgomery
" John V. Slade " " Lapain
" S. Hirst D.D. Cayuga
" Jno. F. Sales D.D. " " Schenectady
" J. V. H. Conell " " Albany
Oscar D. Tilney " " Hackensack

It Could seem the Board desire to offer their thanks to the Great Head of the Church for so prospering the cause committed to the School of the Prophets and to express

to the General Synod their confidence and hope that it is increasing prosperity and usefulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Christian Gerhart, Chairman

Geo. H. Gallaher

Secy.

Article 1st.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick July 15th 1845 at 12 o'clock M.

President C. Gerhart

The last meeting being absent the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin C. Taylor.

Article II

Members present.

The following members appeared and took their seats

Rev. George W. Gilmore D.D. — Rev. John B. Hoff
" Marcius S. Hutton D.D. — " Edward P. Swain
" Talbot W. Chambers — " William Demarest
" Benjamin C. Taylor D.D. — " Joseph Ames Kern
" Wm. S. Ramsay — " John C. Van Liew
" John F. Stryker — " John C. J. Apes
" Maurice H. Wright D.D. — " Robert P. Lee
" Garret S. Garretson — " William A. Cornell
" Alexander M. Mann — " William Pitcher
" Jas. C. Bair — " Henry Morris
" [illegible] Sunwood

Article III.

Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the Election of Rev. Dr. B. C. Taylor Prest. and Rev. T. M. Chambers Secy.

Article II

[illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] of the last meeting were read. The minutes were made

Article I

Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees were appointed
On the Professors' Report.
Mr Dr. H. H. Livingston Dr. C. Van Zandt R. P. Dr
On the Syndicus' Report.
Mr Dr. M. V. Sutton Dr. Rev. D. Sleyster Nathan Bice
On Syndicus' Accounts
Mr Edward P. Hanson Mr A. Cornell Mr Simmons
On Admission of Students
Mr. Dr. [illegible] Dr. Stone Samuel J. Gardenson & McMann
J. N. Chambers Mr. J. Sanderson and the Professors

Article II

Communications

The following Annual Report of the Faculty on the State of the Theological School was presented and referred to the Committee on the Professors' Report

The Academic Professors respectfully submit to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary the following report.

The Class Connected with the Seminary thirty two students

Of the Senior Class 11

Cornelius D. Cline John N. Hammond - Philip Pelton -
Jan [illegible] Scarle Ad. Shiel Charles S. Still Peter Sleyster
William J. Van Eyck John J. Todd Aulpus Van Brunt Pitkenius Van Ness

Of the Middle Class 9

William Anderson, Jerry Eckel John Mazin Ferris
Hugh J. Rodges Philip Phelps Jr. Theodore S. Romeyne
John N. Schenck [illegible] Sydney Van Vleet

Cy 1 Junior Class 12.

J. Brown Berry, Henry Baker, Amos Dubois, Hatte Galesia, James Scott, Benjamin Lipincott, Samuel Lockwood, Thomas S. Schenck, Samuel Scudder, J. P. Strong, Wesley Taylor, Henry Weeks.

Of the above young gentlemen, Mr. Hodges of the Middle Class wishes with the approbation of the Board to have his admission for the purpose of connecting himself with the Theological Seminary of Virginia, Alexandria. He has long been a cherished object with him to devote his ministry on foreign ground. His attention is at present directed to South America or France particularly the latter country. He hopes that by a year's study at Geneva he will be better prepared for the particular sphere which he contemplates. The Faculty cheerfully recommend his case to the favorable attention of the Board.

Mr. Schenck at the middle of the second session was constrained by pressing affliction at home to leave New Brunswick. His declared object is to return at the beginning of the next term and to take his place with the Class that will then commence its course.

Mr. Strong whose mind had been previously in an unsettled state in regard to the Gospel ministry, did not present himself till the latter part of the month of November. His examination was satisfactory, but the Faculty then acting with the authority of the Committee did not feel authorized so long after the opening of the session to receive him unconditionally as a member of the Seminary. He was permitted to pursue the studies of the Institution [illegible] examination of the Board on the question of his full admission. [illegible] appeared to the Audacia room [illegible] his examining Hebrew with the Class [illegible] Enter [illegible] all.

[illegible] Faculty deprecate admissions into [illegible] after the commencement of the term [illegible] which Mr. Strong has pur-

Article III
Executive Clause

Appts of Committees

He has [illegible] to the Seminary a [illegible]
Some one of the Senior Classes of this Institution
[illegible] of
Gentlemen was unanimously chosen. And the [illegible]
ted to enter the Seminary.

Resolved That the Faculty be authorized to attend to the applications for admission this Term the meeting of the next Committee.

Mr. Fr. Silver Cir.

The Committee on the Preceptor's report presented the following which after being amended was adopted

Since the representation given by the State of the Seminary is [illegible] and such as warrants the under signed in the hope respecting its future Condition. The matter in this Report on which the attention of the Board are [illegible] the desire of Mr. Rodgers Mr. [illegible] Middle Class to obtain a dismission with a view to prosecute his studies at Jena Switzerland to qualify himself for Mission any labor in France or South America. The Committee concur with the Preceptors in their view of the case recommend that the request of Mr. Meaes be granted and that the State be directed to furnish Mr. M. with a Certificate of dismission and that the Preceptors be instructed to [illegible] the intercourse of Christian standing.

2. The Case of Mr Strong who has hindered by peculiar circumstances from entering the Seminary before now but late to commence the Sch. Course with the first Class. An arrangement was made by the preceptor to secure to him the time required to make up this deficiency — and the act the Consent of the Seniors that he may be admitted to, or with the Senior Class of last year. The Com. recommend Compliance with this request.

All which is respectfully submitted

Mc. H. Dwight Cir.

[illegible] Com to Synodical [illegible] presented the report which was accepted & the Amendment was adopted.

The Com to Synodical Minutes report that [illegible] the minutes of the Synod respecting the [illegible] of the Lord's Supper in Cases of page 270.

The Com to whom was referred the Report [illegible] Caution in regard to those Cases where students have been absent a part of the time and still wish to be ordained & to examination with the Class to which [illegible]

The Com to whom the Synod referred the Theological Students to assume a knowledge of the Scriptures in order to qualify them for preaching, on the Holland Urban in Ontario County, Reported to the Com [illegible] the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Prospects be requested to call the attention of the Theological Students to the above recommendation of the Synod.

Edward P. Hinman Com

The Com on the Synodical report presented the following which was accepted & the Com adopted.

The Com. [illegible] Synod [illegible] report that the Board of Superintendent of the State Seminary Convened at Hamilton on the Thursday in the Publication on Thursday Dec 1842 at 10 o'clock A.M.

The following members were present:

Mr G. S. Miller D.D.	Mr John B. Jacobs
" J. Butler D.D.	Edward P. Hinman
J. H. Chavers	" William Demarest
Benj. C. Meeker D.D.	" Joseph Aniestien
Mr J. Searing	John C. Van Liew
" J. Dennis	John C. T. Hoes
Marvin R. Knight D.D.	Robert P. Lee
James J. Garrison	William A. Corey
Geo. W. Mann	" William Pitcher
Geo. C. Bore	Henry Morris
Hamilton Sutherland	

The Classis of Philadelphia was not represented at this meeting.

In the absence of the last President the Rev. Dr. Saylor was called to the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board was organized by the Election of the Rev. Benjamin C. Saylor D.D. President & Rev. J. H. Chambers Clerk pro. tem.

From the report of the Theological Faculty the following intelligence is derived — There have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution during the last year the following young Gentlemen viz.

Of the Senior Class 11

Cornelius J. Elting	John Stock	John A. Seder
John H. Hammond	Charles J. Stiff	Reuben Van Brunt
Philip Fox	Peter Stirner	Solomon Van Nest
Samuel G. Searle	H. D. Sieglock	

Of the Middle Class 7

Wm Anderson	Hugh G. Hodges	John H. Schenck
Henry Eckel	Philip Phelps Jr	Benj. F. Snyder
Chas. Moser Jones	Theodore B. Kemeyn	John Van Horn

Of the Junior Class 12

James Kemeyn Berry	Henry Dill	Samuel Scudder
Henry Saylor	Benjamin Sappington	J. P. Strong
Anson Salter	Samuel Stickwood	Wesley Taylor
Noah Galusha	Henry J. Chaney	Henry T. Cornbeck

The Faculty recommended to the favorable action of the Board the request of Mr Hodges of the Middle Class for a dismission for the purpose of connecting himself with the Theological Seminary of Geneva. Understanding Mr. Hodges having selected as the field of his labor either South America or France, it was supposed that a year's study at Geneva would be a great advantage. The Board resolved to grant Mr Hodges' request.

Two cases of irregular prosecution of the appointed studies were presented to the notice of the Board — the first that of Mr Schenck who had been called home by pressing affliction but expected to return and take his place

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[illegible] IX.

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

Article VIII

Appeals & Complaints.

The Clerk on the calendar of [illegible] present the following [illegible] which [illegible] on the [illegible]

"The Committee appointed by the Synod to prepare rules for the admission of students into the Theological Seminary in the Theological State in N. Y. [illegible] Report Other [illegible]

Present, Revered Messrs. Van Santvoord, McCulloch, Dr. Dwight, Gilmore & Dr. Chambers. Mr. Dunn was appointed Chairman and Dr. Chambers Secretary. After prayer the Chairman the following rules were adopted thereupon by applicants for admission.

Henry T. Miller	Henry S. Van Santvoord
[illegible] Gilmore	William J. [illegible]
James C. Bernard	George Mockridge
James B. Kiser	George Fisher
John A. Hoyt	William J. [illegible]
[illegible]	

Who were all examined as to their [illegible] and their [illegible] and their [illegible] and the examination was [illegible] and [illegible]

Mr. Mockridge [illegible] one through [illegible] Collegiate Course [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] permitted [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

Resolved that [illegible] examined [illegible] that [illegible] who [illegible] their Certificates of Church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Presbyteries.

Resolved that the Presbyteries be [illegible] such other applications, as may be [illegible] Allowance into the Seminary.

[illegible] by the Presbyteries

[illegible] the Board [illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible] the Missionary [illegible] respecting [illegible] of the Board, [illegible] to attend [illegible]
[illegible] Can the Board [illegible] without a [illegible] of this [illegible] of their [illegible] influence upon the [illegible] which the Board was adjourned

In the [illegible] the [illegible] President the Rev. Dr. [illegible] was called to the Chair and opened the meeting [illegible] The Minutes [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] President and [illegible] Clerk pro tem.

[illegible] the Report of the [illegible] faculty it appears that the exercises of the Institution have been attended during the past year by the following young gentlemen [illegible]

Of the Senior Class [illegible]

William [illegible] Henry [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Philip Phelps jun. Theodore [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Of the Middle Class [illegible]

[illegible] Henry [illegible] James [illegible] [illegible] Samuel [illegible] [illegible] Wesley [illegible] Henry [illegible]

Of the Junior Class [illegible]

[illegible] William [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] John [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Charles [illegible] [illegible] Joseph Scudder [illegible] [illegible] James B. [illegible] [illegible]

Of these [illegible] [illegible] has been so often absent from the Sessions of the Institution that the Board have decided not to allow him to continue his connection with the Seminary [illegible] the [illegible] of Students to [illegible] [illegible] the cause of his absence [illegible] has been [illegible].

[illegible] one of our [illegible] [illegible] years has withdrawn from the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Committee [illegible] the Examining [illegible] of the Senior Class.

The Students of the Senior Class were examined in the Subjects in the various Studies in their respective departments. And the Members of the Senior Class also on their Undertaking to present their Views in writing to the Ministry. The Letters addressed previously to the Congregation of Dublin were read, which it was resolved unanimously to be satisfactory. The Examination being concluded and the Members of the Senior Class dismissed, the Board proceeded to the business of the Session.

The Clerical Roll was called by the Secretary, and the Rev. Wm. Allen on the Roll [illegible] by the Synod. And [illegible] the students who [illegible] the Board.

The Roll of the Students [illegible] the Board was then called, and the following Gentlemen were [illegible] the Senior Class, viz.

Rev. Jas. Robinson M.A. of the Classes	[illegible]
" Philip M. Crawford,	[illegible]
" Robert [illegible]	[illegible]
" George J. Glass	[illegible]
" Geo. D. Morris	[illegible]
" John C. [illegible]	[illegible]

The Board then [illegible] to return thanks to God for the Prosperity of the Church and [illegible] of all concerned with the Seminary during the past year. They have been highly gratified with the [illegible] given by the Senior Students of Common Classes, Religious in the [illegible] Preaching. And while our Schools of the Prophets continue to furnish such proofs of the successful attainment of the objects the Church may rejoice in the blessed [illegible] which [illegible] the [illegible] of talent and learning [illegible] years past.

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Proceedings.

On motion adjourning to Mr. Wm. Hamilton's Hall on the Annual [illegible] was taken by Board ~~the~~ in the Jas. Papineau Church for the purpose of [illegible] to have this [illegible]

On motion evening the Pres. [illegible] being absent the Annual [illegible] and also the Secretary Treas. [illegible] being absent the Jas. G. Fisher was appointed to the Board during the adjournment.

Mr. Sabin Foster has applied to present before the Board at its last meeting and Mr. [illegible] on motion [illegible] to appear be accordingly.

Mr. Henry Hemmings has applied to obtain the address to the Students and Rev. [illegible] accordingly.

Resolved that the Board order the Sec. be paid Jas. Adams the Annual for his services.

A bill [illegible] the [illegible] of the Jas. St. Louis Church Amounting to [illegible] has presented Resolved [illegible]

The Accountants bill Amounting to 2.30 [illegible] Resolved and [illegible] the same.

Mr. [illegible] from the Board [illegible] is appointed to [illegible] the Hatley [illegible] at [illegible] P.M.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned till [illegible]

Jas. G. Fisher Pres.

Wm. D. Hamilton Sec.

Calvin G. Conant

Hatley [illegible]

1830

March 1st Opening

[illegible]

Return 1st [illegible]

[illegible]

Article 3. [illegible]

[illegible]

Article 4. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the following [illegible] were appointed

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Article 6. [illegible]

The following [illegible] of the Treaty [illegible] of the Treaty [illegible]

[illegible]

members admitted in

[illegible]

Article 7. Examinations.

Resolved, that the Professor of Didactic Theology commence the examination on Tuesday afternoon at ½ past [illegible] and that he be allowed three hours; and that it be continued by the Rev Dr Cannon on Wednesday morning at 7 o'Clock till 12 at noon, by Rev Dr McClelland from ½ past 2 till ½ [illegible] p. m.

Resolved that the Senior Class [illegible] of the composition & delivery of sermons on Wednesday morning at 8 till 9 o'Clock.

Resolved that the members of the Senior Class be examined as to their personal piety & views of entering the ministry on Wednesday afternoon from ½ past 3 till ½ past 6 o'Clock.

The examination commenced on Tuesday afternoon & continued till ½ past 6 o'Clock on the ensuing morning.

The Junior Class was examined on Pastoral Theology, Sacred Antiquities & Geography & the Hebrew language.

The Middle Class was examined on Didactic & Polemic Theology, Church history, Cannon of Scripture & Greek Testament.

The Senior Class was examined on Sacred Theology, Pastoral Theology, Church History & Government, Natural Religion & their views in desiring to enter the ministry; whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the examination be sustained, & that the following individuals, members of the Senior Class be and hereby are recommended for the usual approval certificate viz James Romeyn Berry, Henry Zater, Amos Lewis, James Lewis, Benjamin Lippencott, [illegible] Lewis, [illegible] Strong, J. Wesley Taylor & Henry Venter.

Article 8. Reports of Committees.

The committee to whom was referred the communication presented by Rev Lewis H. Jewell, presented the following report which was received & accepted.

The committee to whom was referred a communication of the Rev L. H. Jewell, formerly, for two years a member of this Seminary & now a Baptist minister, requesting to be readmitted into the Senior Class, recommend that he

have leave to withdraw his application. The committee believe that the Board have no power in the premises & if they had have doubts as to the expediency of exercising the same.

Resolved that the Clerk furnish Mr Terrill with a certified copy of this report.

A. Comstock Jr Chairman

The committee appointed in the case of Mr Geer presented their report which was accepted & adopted & is as follows.

The committee to whom was referred the case of William E. Geer beg to present the following report — They have carefully attended to the matter referred to them & through the kindness of the Professor have had access to the documents on which the action of the Theological Faculty is based. Having consulted the documents, they have come to the unanimous conclusion that the action of the Faculty is fully justified by the circumstances of the case.

Resolved, that the Board approve the action of the Theological Faculty in suspending the student W. E. Geer from the privileges of the Seminary

All of which is respectfully submitted

J. H. Zinzer

The Committee on Synodical minutes presented the following report which was accepted & adopted

The committee on Synodical minutes would respectfully report to the board, that they have not been enabled to procure a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of Synod. They however remember so much of their instructions as regards the expenses of the members of the board, that their order of the year previous was rescinded and the "Treasurer of Synod has been ordered to pay the expenses of those members of the Board who shall call, out of any contingent funds in his possession"

D. Van Santvoord Chm

[illegible] Committee [illegible] *[illegible]* [illegible] presented [illegible]

report, [illegible] having been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] in general the [illegible]

[illegible] Dean [illegible]

[illegible] report.

The Faculty express their regret that the number of students in attendance has been short [illegible] [illegible] -pated. Sixty six were admitted [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] during the course [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] speak [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] high [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]."

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] mention the plan [illegible] Students, in their meetings on the subject [illegible] enjoyed the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Students [illegible] which "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the case, [illegible] their authority [illegible]" they express the hope [illegible] will [illegible] measures [illegible] [illegible] limits [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Committee [illegible] [illegible]. Whereas [illegible] [illegible] from the report [illegible] presented [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] Class was also examined in [illegible] [illegible] piety & [illegible] of entering the ministry; they [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] & [illegible] of [illegible]: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] unanimously [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the members of the [illegible] Class [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] W. [illegible].

The [illegible] of the following [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
John [illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	"	[illegible]
[illegible]	"	[illegible]
[illegible]	"	[illegible]
Wm. [illegible]		[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the Seminary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Board [illegible] [illegible] the following [illegible]. Resolved [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] purpose.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] institution. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] in which they have been trained [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] Board of the Church. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Article 7. California.

Resolved that the Board [illegible] be requested [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1857

Article 1st.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Sunday July 13th 1857 at 11 o'clock A.M. and continued in Session until Wednesday Evening.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Knox president of the last meeting.

Article II. Members present.

Rev. John Knox D.D.
" Isaac Ferris D.D.
" William Reilly
" Alexander H. Warner
" Horace Doolittle
" Simon H. Dunyea
" R. Ormiston Currie D.D.
" Nicholas E. Smith
" Bergen Hoff
" John Van Liew
" John S. Demarest
Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff D.D.
" William J. R. Taylor
" Jacob West
" John A. Pitcher
" Wm M. Van Buren
" John T. Demarest
" Abraham V. Wyckoff
" Oscar H. Gregory.

Rev. Dr. Knox obtained leave of absence after the first day of the Session.

Rev. Alexander H. Warner obtained leave of absence after 12 o'clock of the second day of the Session.

Rev. O. H. Gregory obtained leave of absence after the first day of the Session.

Rev. John Van Liew obtained leave of absence after 4 o'clock of the second day of the Session.

Article III. Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the Election of the Rev. Isaac Ferris D.D. as President, and Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Clerk pro. tem.

Article IV. Reading of the Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were also read.

Article V. Standing Committees.

The following were appointed:

1. On the Professors report — Rev. J. N. Wyckoff D.D., " William Reiley, " Oscar H. Gregory.

2. On the Synodical report — Rev. R. Anderson Currie D.D., " Bergen Scott, " John S. Kimball.

3. On Synodical minutes — Rev. Alex. H. Warner, " John M. Van Buren, " John G. Fitcher.

4. On admission of Students — Rev. John Knox D.D., " William Reiley, " Isaac Ferris D.D., " John T. Demarest, " William J. R. Taylor, and the Theological Professors.

Article VI. Communications.

A communication was received from the Rev. D. Kennedy D.D. offering in behalf of the family of the late Nicholas Bleecker Esq. of Albany to present to the Theological Seminary of the Reg. Dutch Church at New Brunswick a large number of Theological Works in the Dutch language about one hundred & fifty volumes more or less, being a part of the library of the late Rev. Eilardus Westerlo D.D.

The following minute was adopted.

This Board having received a Communication through Rev. S. Kennedy from the family of the late Rensselaer Westerlo Esq. of Albany offering as a donation to the Library of the Gen. Synod two hundred & fifty volumes of theological books in the Dutch language from the library of his late revered father the Rev. Dr Eduardus Westerlo Deceased.

Resolved, unanimously that this Board accept upon the terms proposed the said donation with a high appreciation of its value and of the good taste of the family in bestowing it and pray that the blessing of God may rest on all the members.

Resolved that Mr. Dr Weyhoff be a Committee on the part of this Board to receive and transmit the said books to the Seminary.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family through Rev. Dr. Kennedy.

A Communication was received from Rev. Dr. Hullen Secretary of the Board of Education which was referred to the Committee on Admission of Students.

The following annual report of the Theological Faculty was received and referred to the Committee on the Professors report:

In the course of the year there have been in attendance the following young gentlemen:

Of the Junior Class.

Henry K. Ahrens	James E. Bernard	John A. Janssen
Adam Van Brunen	George Rockwell	Calvin Case
Lawrence S. Compton	Peter Elmendorf	James B. Hewson
J. R. Mandeville	William S. Pickelsen	George Shubert
Joseph Quackenbos	Charles Scott	

Of the Middle Class,
Joseph A. Collier   Robert A. Julian
[illegible] M. [illegible]
Of the Junior Class
Moses A. [illegible]   Stephen [illegible]
Julian A. [illegible]   John L. McL[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

The dispensations of God in regard [illegible] during the past year have been [illegible] and trying. Besides the removal by [illegible] of one of the Professors there has been a diminution of the number of students [illegible] by sickness and [illegible] [illegible] has fallen on the Junior Class, [illegible] [illegible] in the present [illegible] to the [illegible] in the Seminary.

The number of graduates will be [illegible] by the time the Catalogue given above would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] year so reduced in strength as to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before the Synod and the Board [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] And [illegible] [illegible] he should resume them [illegible] which he should resume them as all applied [illegible] [illegible] the Rev. Dr. [illegible] of this [illegible] for a [illegible] from the Seminary. This the faculty did [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but in the place of it [illegible] [illegible] a Certificate of standing which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] similar circumstances [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Completion of his theological [illegible] Mr. J. Edmunds [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] commenced [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a Consumption [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of God's Elect and [illegible] [illegible]

in the Services of the Lower Sanctuary. The Sun has done
as. Cross we would be well

Mr Coles of the Middle
Class, has recently departed at some A. [illegible] the
Lessons of the year. He has addressed to Trustees his letter
at the Commencement of the Second Session in the hope
that the Case [illegible] be favorably considered by the Board
No [illegible] seems to be forthcoming, but [illegible]
Board & Alumni aim to hold a Special Standing
with the Cap.

The usual letter and diploma have
been given to the Members of the Senior Class. The
Alumni Association has been formed to the instruction of
Children in the Sabbath School of the Church. The
Trustees Board has been enlarged towards all the
various forms of doing good which come within the
sphere of their operations. And no Case has come to
the knowledge of the Secretary in which time has been
a departure from that line of practical & direct
Consecration of which is the highest ornament of the Student
and the best pledge of his future usefulness in
the Church. — All which is respectfully submitted

James T. Cannon Sec
Samuel H. McAuley Sec

Rec. Old [illegible] Sept 4th 1851

Article VII Examinations

It is resolved that Rev Dr Currie and Rev. George T.
Stewart be requested to conduct the examinations in
the Department of Biblical Literature

Resolved that the Professor of Ecclesiastical Theology
commence the Examination on Tuesday afternoon at
2 P.M. & O'Clock and that he attend three hours
and that it be continued by Rev. Dr Cannon on
Wednesday at 9 O'Clock A.M. & P.M. & Thursday A.M. and in the
Department of Biblical Literature from 8 P.M. to 8 P.M. 3
in the afternoon

Resolved that the Senior Class give their Specimens of Composition and delivery of Sermons, on Wednesday morning after Commencement

Resolved that the members of the Senior Class be requested to give their personal piety and views of Entering the Ministry on Wednesday afternoon from ½ past 3 to 5 P.M.

The Junior Class was examined on Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew language

The Middle Class was examined on Christian and Pastoral Theology, Church History and the New Testament. Mr. Collier was too unwell to attend the examination on Church History & Pastoral Theology and was excused

The Senior Class was examined on Sacred Rhetoric, Church History, Pastoral Theology, Church Government, personal piety and views in Entering the Ministry, whereupon it was

Resolved that the Examination be satisfactory and that the following persons members of the Senior Class, are hereby recommended for the usual preparation, viz. Homer E. Bernard, Laurens L. Comfort, John J. Hanson, George Archibald, William D. Buckelew, Charles Scott, Adam Van Nouten, Lewis Case, George Flubeck, Geo. H. Mandeville, Homer B. Nelson.

Hence the Reports of Committees

The Com. on the admission of Students reported. The report was accepted & adopted & is as follows:

The Com. appointed for the admission of Students respectfully report that they met in the Theological Hall in this city, March on Tuesday Oct. 1st 1850. The following were present Rev John Knox D.D. Rev Abbott O. Crane D.D. Rev John B. Steele & Rev J. Anderson Rankin and the Rev. Professor Warren. Mr. Chas. Van Nouten. The Com. was organized by the appointment of Dr. Knox as chairman & Rev. Mr. Warren as Clerk

The following young gentlemen applied for admission into the Seminary viz. Charles S. Shepard, John S. Messer, Stephen Searle, Joachim Elmendorf, Nathan Bigelow, William G. See and Joseph R. Reshore.

All these young gentlemen are graduates of some College except William G. See who was personally examined with regard to his literary attainments. They were all examined on the subject of personal piety and their views in desiring to enter the Ministry of the Gospel; all of them are in communion with the Reg. Dutch Church in good and regular standing and exhibited certificates of Church membership except Mr Shepard. Mr Elmendorf tells Reshore.

It was resolved that the above named young gentlemen be received as members of the Theological Seminary and be admitted to its privileges. Those of them not having presented certificates of Church membership were directed to present such certificates to the Theological Faculty at as early a period as practicable.

This resolution was announced to the Class accompanied with appropriate remarks on the importance and responsibilities of the Ministerial Office by the Chr. of the Committee.

It was resolved that the Theological Faculty be and hereby are authorized to receive such persons as may hereafter apply for admission into the Seminary subject to the final approval of the Board.

John Duryea Chr.
J. R. Wilmer Clerk

The Com. on Synodical Minutes presented the following report which was received & adopted viz as follows:

The Com. on Synl. Minutes respectfully report that having examined the Minutes of the General Synod they find in the plan for the more efficient system of Educational operations the following under page 181 Ch. The Board of Superintendents of the Theological

Minutes. Full Constitute the Examining Committee referred to in the second of these rules. And such individuals as said Committee shall select out of the applicants [illegible] recommend to the Board of Education shall be received by said Board under their care & shall be subject to those rules established by the General Synod and to such By laws as the Board of Education shall adopt.

4th. The Examining Committee shall meet in New Brunswick annually during their annual session as the Board of Superintendents of the Theol. Seminary; and all the applicants for beneficiary aid shall then and there present themselves for the required examination.

5th. The Board of Education shall direct their Treasurer to pay the travelling expenses of the applicants for aid on a warrant from the Examining Committee duly certified. By order of the Committee

Alexander D. Warner Chairman

The Com. on the Superior report presented the following which was accepted and adopted:

The Com. on the Report of the Theological Professors report that they observe only three things in this report that claim attention:

1. The good order & diligence in study & high moral deportment of the students in which this Board find reason for commendation and thanksgiving to God.

2. The death of one beloved young brother and the retirement of others from the course of study by reason of health over which this Board is called to mourn for the loss of their anticipated service to the Church and to sympathize with the afflicted friends whose hopes have been thus blighted or deferred.

3. The case of Joseph A. Collier who was [illegible] at home during the first session of the year. Respecting this case in response to the

ope of the Faculty the Com. recommend that Mr. Collier be restored to regular standing in his class.

Respectfully Submitted

J. H. Wyckoff Chairman

The Com. on the Synodical report presented the following which was accepted & adopted:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary report. That they met in stated session in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday July 15th 1851 at 11 o'clock A.M. The President, the Rev. John Knox D.D. took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer. The following members were present:

Rev. John Knox D.D.	Rev. Bergen Hoff
" Isaac Ferris D.D.	" Jerin Van Liew
" N. O. Elmendorf D.D.	" John J. Aimwell
" J. H. Wyckoff D.D.	" William J. R. Taylor
" John T. Demarest	" Jacob Vosburgh
" William Aerley	" John H. Pitcher
" Alex. D. Warner	" John A. Van Fleet
" Horace Doolittle	" William T. Wyckoff
" John A. Dunyea	" Oscar H. Gregory
" Nicholas E. Smith	

The Classes of Hudson, Cayuga & Rensselaer were not represented at this meeting.

The Board was organized by the Election of Rev Isaac Ferris D.D. as President and Rev. William J. R. Taylor as Clerk pro tem.

The Exercises of the institution have been attended during the past year by the following young men viz.

Of the Senior Class.

Henry R. Acer. James E. Bernard. John A. Janson
Adam H. Van Brunt. George Archer. Calvin Case
Lawrence L. Comfort. Peter Elmendorf. James B. Nilson
Giles H. Van Arsdale. William F. Buckelew. George Finbeck
Joseph Scudder. Charles Scott,

Of the Middle Class.

Wm. Gibson. Joseph A. Collier. & Wm. Gibson.
Isaac H. See. Robert D. Julian.

Of the Junior Class.

Sordam Cimendon. Joseph H. Rossiter. William G. See
Charles S. Shepard. Nathan W. Jones. John L. McNair
Stephen Searle.

The theological Faculty in their report say. The dispensations of the Providence of God in regard to the Institution during the past year have been unusually trying. Besides the removal by resignation of one of the Professors there has been a diminution of the number of students both by sickness & death. The ranks has fallen in the Senior Class. Henry H. Hoff and Joseph Studdy in consequence of enfeebled health have been obliged to relinquish their studies for the present and Peter Cimendy has been by death removed to enjoy the end of his faith.

The students of the several classes were examined in the various studies of their respective departments & the members of the Senior Class also on the evidences of their personal piety and their views in seeking to enter the ministry. They likewise exhibited specimens of the composition and delivery of sermons. In view of which it was

Resolved that the examination be sustained and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate.

The Annual Sermon before the Board was preached by Mr. A. Cimiston Currie D.D. from Rev. 2:6:17:11 On the morning of the first day of the session: and at the close of the examination the address to the students was delivered by Rev. Bryan Hoff.

The seats of the following members of the Board will become vacant at the time of the next meeting of the General Synod, viz.

[illegible]

Mr. Alexander W. Warner of the Classis of Bergen
" A. Ormiston Clerk " Thos. Elmendorf of Long Island
" John S. Kimball " " Hudson
" John D. Pilcher " " Raritan
" John T. Demarest " " Bergen
" Jacob West " " Schoharie

There will also be the members to be chosen from the recently formed Classes of Geneva and Westchester.

The Board having received a Communication through Rev. Dr. Kennedy from the family of the late Rev. Jeduthan Westerlo Esq. of Albany, offering as a donation to the Library of the Gen. Synod two hundred and fifty volumes of Theological works in the French language from the library of his late revered father the Rev. Dr. Eduardus Westerlo, it was resolved unanimously

That this Board accept upon the terms proposed the said donation with a high consideration of the value and of the good will of the family in bestowing it and pray that the blessing of God may ever rest on all its members.

That the Rev. Dr. Mynderse be a committee on the part of this Board to receive and transmit the books to New Brunswick.

That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family through Rev. Dr. Kennedy.

Mr. Hopkins being a member of the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary having been examined by this Board on the various subjects prescribed by General Synod and having presented the requisite testimonials it was resolved that he be recommended to the Board of Education for aid while pursuing his Theological studies.

A. Ormiston Clerk &c.

Isaac N. Van Vliet

Art. 12 Particular

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved that the former rule relating to the exercises of the students of the Senior Class be & hereby is rescinded.

2. Resolved that the members of the Senior Class in the Theological Seminary have liberty to preach any sermons that are approved by either of the Professors not only in the vicinity of New Brunswick but elsewhere provided that this permission be not construed so as to interfere with their attendance on the usual lectures of the Professors.

3. Resolved that in the judgment of this Board it is highly important as a preparative for future duties that the members of the Theological Seminary should conduct public religious exercises in the pulpit and preach before promiscuous audiences in the presence of the professors and students.

4. Resolved that the Theological Faculty be requested to make arrangements with one of the South Churches in this City for the use of their building for the above purpose on the evenings of the Sabbath from the beginning of October to the close of March.

5. Resolved that the sermons on these occasions be limited to half an hour in length and that the same with all the exercises in the pulpit be the subject of remark at some meeting of the professors & students held as soon after as may be.

6. Resolved that the Senior Class preach in such series of services at least twice and on the remaining Sabbath evenings the exercises shall be perpetuated among the Middle & Junior Classes

7. Resolved that the Board earnestly recommend to the students of the Seminary to cultivate as much as possible the habit of delivering their sermons without any confined to the manuscript.

The Annual Sermon before the Board was preached this evening in the Dr. Alb. Dutch Church by Rev. A. D. Carle D.D. from Heb. 2:6. 7.

The Charge addressed to the Students by Rev. J. Morgan Hoff.

Mr. Stephen Scott a Member of the Senior class of the Theol. Seminary having been examined by the Board on the various subjects prescribed by the Synod and having presented the requisite testimonials it was

Resolved that he be recommended to the Board of Education for aid while pursuing his Theological studies.

Rev. I. Frie was elected to preach the next annual sermon before the Board & Rev. A. E. Smith, secondd.

Rev. I. Myers was chosen to deliver the address to the students, & Rev. I. Van Sicle seconded.

It was resolved that the Board request the Medical Class through the Chairman of the Christian Association not to appoint their meetings on the Thursday preceding the Commencement of Queens College as the Board designed to occupy said day.

The sexton's bill amounting to $2.00 was presented and ordered to be paid.

The Housekeeper's bill amounting to $3.00 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Rev. Mr. Templeton & Close.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Collamer

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President.

Isaac Frie Pres.

Wm. J. R. Taylor Com. pro.

Davis D. Dimond Asst. Secretary.

1852

Art. I

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Dutch Church met in the Third Room at New Brunswick on Tuesday July 20th 1852. At 11 o'clock A.M. and continued in session until Wednesday afternoon.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ferris President of the last meeting.

Article II. Members present.

Rev. [illegible] D.D.	Rev. [illegible]
" William Aiken	" Cornelius S. Van Santvoord
" John C. Guyer	" Benjamin Van Zandt
" Nicholas E. Smith	" Henry [illegible]
" Herman E. A. Benton	" Rasselas [illegible]
" John G. Samson	" Samuel H. [illegible]
" Isaac I. Wyckoff D.D.	" Oscar H. [illegible]
" John Van Liew	Elon M. Ferris
" William C. Matson	" John S. [illegible]

Article III Election of Officers.

The Board was organized by the Election of Rev. I. I. Wyckoff D.D. as President and Rev. N. E. Smith Clerk pro tem.

Article IV Reading of the minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The [illegible] were read.

Article V Standing Committees.

The following were appointed

1. On the professorial report

Rev. Rankin Miller D.D. John A. Dumont John M. Ferris

2. On the Synodical report

Rev. Benj. Van Zandt Jno. G. Johnson. C. S. Van Santvoord

3. On Synodical minutes

Rev. Samuel H. Wells Oscar H. Mory Samuel Van Vechten

4. On the Admission of Students.

The Joint Committee [illegible] report [illegible]
Mr. C. Hale [illegible] Acting [illegible] Committee [illegible]

Article VI. Communications.

The following annual report of the Secretary was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorial report:

To the Board of Superintendents of the Shurtleff College in Undersigned presents the following report:

The number of students in attendance during the last Collegiate year has been somewhat less than in some previous years. The Faculty however are happy to know that the prospect of the coming year is more encouraging. I should much larger than in the [illegible] year is expected to enter the next fall. There have been in attendance.

In the Senior Class

[illegible] Joseph G. Collier, Robert S. [illegible] A. P. [illegible] Edward M. [illegible]

In the Middle Class

Joachim Clement [illegible], Nathan W. Jones, Joseph [illegible] King, [illegible] Stearle, William [illegible], John S. [illegible], Charles V. Shepard

In the Junior Class.

Edward T. [illegible], [illegible] Lyman D. Sonda, Nelson H. Edson, [illegible], John [illegible], Norman J. [illegible], [illegible] Hart.

Mr. Sonda [illegible] among [illegible] of the Junior Class remained in the institution but a short time. He complained of [illegible] was his only reason for [illegible] other [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

There is need of a special notice to Commencement calling for the action of the Board. His usual good testimony to the Christian deportment of the members of the Seminary is cheerfully given.

James S. Conner
S. H. Van Nortwick
Wm. H. Campbell

In Behalf of the Board, Oct 20th 1852.

Article VII Examinations.

Resolved that the Professor of Sacred Theology commence his Examination on Tuesday afternoon at 2½ o'clock and that he continue the same until 6 o'clock.

That the Professor of Biblical Literature commence on Wednesday morning at 9½ o'clock.

That the Senior Class be examined on personal piety and views in entering the ministry on Wednesday afternoon at 2½ o'clocks.

That the Senior Class give their specimens of preaching on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

That inasmuch as the course of instruction in the department of Church History, Church government and Pastoral Theology has been interrupted for the principal part of the year by the protracted illness of the venerable professor Conner the Board dispense with the examination on these subjects.

Resolved that the Board organize itself into a committee of examination at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of examining applicants for benevolent aid.

The Junior Class was examined on the Heb language. The middle class was examined on Sacred and Sacred Theology. — And the Greek Testament.

The Senior Class was examined on Sacred and Solemn Theology personal piety and views in entering the ministry.

Nothing to the minutes requiring the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Com. on Admission of Students [illegible]
[illegible] were duly adopted.

He also reported that in compliance with the
[illegible] of the Board the Committee on the Code of
[illegible] had [illegible] the Code
[illegible] The gentlemen
[illegible] themselves for examination
[illegible] by Adam F. Scribner
[illegible] Henry W. Sears
[illegible] Hiram J. Stilwell and
[illegible] Thos. Cornell on their powers
[illegible] in relation to [illegible]
and powers Committee on Diplomas
[illegible] And to be [illegible]
[illegible] Adam [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Students [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 18[illegible]
and by the Professors in the [illegible] studies pursued in the Institution, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] performing [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The Senior Class have [illegible] examined [illegible] [illegible] Evidences of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] specimens of [illegible] [illegible] and preaching. The Board of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] unanimously [illegible] [illegible] the Examination [illegible] [illegible] and that the Members of the Senior Class [illegible] [illegible] to the Professors for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] of the following [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] vacant at the [illegible] of the [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] Synod: Rev. John [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] " [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Van Santvoord [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Van [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Annual Sermon was preached before the Board in the Evening of the first day of the Session by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The Annual Address to the Students was delivered on the Afternoon of the second day by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Van Santvoord.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the year the Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] testimony to the eminent ability and [illegible] of the Theological [illegible] and in [illegible] of the fact that the [illegible] elect has signified his acceptance of the appointment of the General Synod to the vacant [illegible] together with the [illegible] and prospect of a considerable accession of students at the opening of the next Theological year the [illegible] would congratulate the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Great Head of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Article I.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met in the Theological Hall in New Brunswick on Tuesday Dec. 19th 1853 at 11 o'clock A.M. and continued in session until Wednesday night.

The session was opened with prayer by the President Rev C. N. Mydoff D.D.

Article II. Members present.

The following were present

Rev. J. N. Chambers	Rev C. V. Mydoff D.D
" Isaac Ferris D.D.	" Richard H. Steele
" Nicholas Grassé	" Henry Harris
" William W. Mabon	" Garret S. Rogers
" Harm B. Muntfield	" Hanford Miller D.D.
" Hm C. Zalasky	" I. D. Williamson
" Thomas G. Strong	" John Mitchell
" Cornelius Van Cleef	" Martin L. Schenck
" Henry Van Zwaay	" Samuel R. Wells
" Wm G. Wolfkoiand	" Philip Peig
" John G. Ferris	" Oscar H. Gregory

Article III Election of Officers

The Board was organized by the Election of Rev. J. G. Vellen D.D. President & Rev. W. L. Schenck Secretary

Article IV Reading of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The minutes were read.

Article V Standing Committees

The following were appointed

1. On the Professorial Report

Revs J. N. Chambers - G. Van Cleef - J. G. Wolfkoiand

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] VI Commencement

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Of the Senior Class

Joachim Pomeroy [illegible]
Robert S. Kershaw
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] R. Green
John [illegible]
Charles [illegible] Shepard

Of the Middle Class

[illegible] J. Jackson of the Presbyterian [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
John [illegible]

Of the Junior Class

[illegible] Clark
[illegible] H. Lebaron
Cornelius [illegible] Wells
[illegible] R. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Hook

[illegible]
Columbus P. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] James [illegible]
[illegible] Eugene [illegible] the State [illegible]
[illegible] Commencement [illegible]
[illegible]

The Faculty take pleasure in testifying to the general diligence and to the Christian deportment of the Students.

The subject of Elocution is deemed worthy of more attention than can properly be paid to it so long as the students are permitted to dispense with the courses from notes. It is therefore respectfully suggested that an order be passed by the Board making it imperative upon them to conduct their prescribed exercises while in the institution memoriter. In making this suggestion regard is had not merely to improvement in "Elocution" important as this property is but also to the vast importance of cultivating the memory by an exercise which the prepared memoriter [illegible] is disposed to.

By referring to the Calendar it will be seen that the first of October will arrive on the last day of the term and as it can hardly be practicable for the members of the Committee for the reception of Students to meet on that day it has been deemed no improper to call the attention of the Board to the subject that such order in regard to the commencement of the next session & the meeting of the Committee may be taken as the case may seem to demand.

A. J. Van Vranken
M. A. Campbell
Committee

New Brunswick Jn. 15th 1883

A communication was received from the Rev. W. S. Hutton D.D. Secretary of the Board of Education stating that the Board is able to receive on the funds at least seven new beneficiaries.

Two communications were received from the Classis of New Brunswick recommending Mr. Peter L. Wilson for aid from the Rar Fund heretofore

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G. Ann McKelvy. William C. Van Dyck. Jeremiah Searle & Philip Broom for aid to the Board of Education or to the Van Benschoten fund; also James Elliott Talmage to receive aid from the funds of the Church.

A Communication was received from the Rev Benjamin Bassler stating that Mr Augustus Blauvelt was regularly recommended by the Classis of Geneva for aid from the funds of the Church. In the absence of a Certificate from the Stated Clerk to this fact, Rev. Mr Whitbeck the member of the Board from the Classis of Geneva stated that said Mr. Blauvelt was duly recommended by said Classis. It was therefore resolved that he be admitted to examination.

Mr William Mattice a Beneficiary from the Classis of Schoharie presented himself for examination without the usual Classical recommendation which had not been forwarded by the Stated Clerk of the Classis. Rev. R. Wells the member of the Board from the Classis of Schoharie stated that said examination had been held and recommendation given and the absence of the [illegible] must be attributed to the neglect of the Stated Clerk. Upon this statement the Board resolved to admit Mr Mattice to an examination.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Hudson recommending Mr. Edward Miller for aid from the Educational funds of the Church. The papers being in order it was resolved that Edward Miller be admitted to the examination.

A Communication was received from Rev Samuel G. Hom D.D. requesting of the Board of Superintendents in behalf of his son Henry K. Hom that

they gave him a full and honorable dismission from the Theological Seminary. Mr. Oster has been compelled to leave the Seminary by the state of his health which renders it impossible for him to pursue and pursue his Theological studies in any other course of study. It was resolved that this request be granted.

Article VII. Examinations.

It was resolved that the Board of Examiners resolve into a Committee of Examination to proceed immediately to examine applicants for beneficiary aids. Then

The following young men applicants for beneficiary aid were examined by the Board on the various subjects prescribed by the General Synod, viz. Peter L. Wilson, Philip Worm, William C. Van Dyke, Sherman Ware Jr., Alexander McKinzy, Abraham Marine and Edward Ulbert.

Resolved that these young men be recommended for aid out of the funds of the Church and that those farthest advanced in study be commended to places upon the Vens Bauschach Funds.

Augustus Brauch presented himself for Examination when it was found that he had been connected with the Church for less than a year. Whereupon it was

Resolved that the application of Augustus Brauch be postponed until next year because the rule requiring a year's membership prior to the reception of a Beneficiary has not been fulfilled and that the expenses of the applicant be paid by the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Resolved that inasmuch as Augustus Brauch was guilty in his application to obtain aid from the Education funds on account of a neglect of the Basis of Geneva to observe the Rule of Synod - therefore that

[illegible]

Article VIII Report of Committee

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Com. on the Proposal [illegible]
[illegible] which was accepted and adopted.

The Com. [illegible]
[illegible] that it appears that there have been a Connection
[illegible] the past year [illegible]
[illegible] a number small in itself and still smaller
[illegible] considering in relation to the wants of our
Church yet showing a gratifying increase upon the
Catalogue of last year [illegible] Only seventeen were [illegible]
the Vale. It is a gratifying fact that four of these
twenty [illegible] are Germans who will be able when
their Course is finished to labor efficiently and in
meeting the wants of the large and increasing German
population of our Country. One of these gentlemen
Joseph Mohn and his appear as Rev. Bursaries
since some time after the Commencement of the [illegible]
was Conditionally admitted to the Seminary by the
Professors and has since been engaged in the study
of the Middle Class. Your Committee recommend
that the action of the Professors be approved and
that Mr. Mohn be recognised as a member of the
present Senior Class.

The Professors bear testi-
mony to the general diligence and Christian de-
portment of the Students. They suggest that for the
purpose of securing a better attention to the subject of
Elocution an order be passed requiring that the
preaching exercises in the Seminary be conducted in
German. Mr. Com. Cordially approve of this suggestion
as a form of intensive propriety and as a legitimate
to the wishes of the Professor to whom the important
Appointment of Elocution is committed. They therefore
[illegible] the adoption of the following resolution:

[illegible] the students in preaching
their professors shall hereafter [illegible]
[illegible] to dispense with notes as

[illegible]

No 3

of the Middle Class

Edward J Tedrow of the Presbyterian Church
Epa N Collier William N Letson
[illegible] [illegible]
Gilbert Lane John Muller

Of the Senior Class

[illegible] [illegible]
John A Beltzam Francis X. Zabriskie
Cornelius L. Wells [illegible] C. Scudder
Sara W. Scudder [illegible] Schnellenberger
J J Schneweis Leopold Mohn
J. J Stralemon

To the diligence and Christian consistency of all these young ~~men~~ gentlemen the Professors in their report bear honorable and unanimous testimony.

It will be perceived that there has been a considerable accession to the numbers of the Seminary since the previous year. It is a gratifying fact that of these four Germans who we may hope will be duly furnished for preaching the Gospel in their own language to this numerous [illegible] of our [illegible] population.

And it is still evident that fresh and vigorous efforts are needed in every direction for multiplying the supply for the pressing demands of the Church and the age. There is no one subject that calls for the attention of Churches and Christians more importunately than the means of reaching the sources of the [illegible] the very fountains of our congregations and families. The facilities for education – the liberality of Churches [illegible] together with the wants of Churches already established seem to lead to the adoption of some method to relieve the [illegible] of our Pastors.

Respectfully.

[illegible]

The following applications were made for the benefit of the Education funds and after careful examination accordingly recommended:

S. Derrit Talmage of the Classis of New Brunswick
Philip Broom " "
Peter D. [illegible]
William [illegible] van [illegible] "
Alexander McK[illegible]
Jeremiah Searles Jr. " "
Abraham Mattice " Schoharie
Edward Miller " Hudson.

The places in the Boards also vacant for the next year are as follows:

Isaac Ferris D.D. of the South Classis of New York
" John G. Kirkpatrick Passaic
" L. Williamson Schenectady
" [illegible] Young
" John Van Liew Philadelphia
" Garret L. Roof Montgomery
" Oscar M. Gregory [illegible]

In reference to the preaching of Theological students to the Board of the General Synod, see Minutes of Synod 1857 page 369) the following resolution was passed:

1. Resolved that the Resolution of the Synod of 1857 be rescinded.

2. Resolved that the Students of [illegible] be permitted to preach such sermons as [illegible] the Theological Faculty in the City of Brunswick. And at such time and in such place as that they may be reached and [illegible]

[illegible]

Block 1.

Block 2.

Block 3.

Block 4.

I [illegible]

II [illegible]

III [illegible]

IV [illegible]

Article 6.

Communications

The following [illegible] Report from [illegible] [illegible] Committee [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

irregularities very satisfactory reasons can be given. There has been considerable sickness among the students in several instances there have been sickness & death among their friends.

The Faculty would bring to the notice of the Board of Superintendents the state of the Theological Library belonging to the General Synod.

Many of the Libraries of other Theological Seminaries in our Country are receiving every year large and valuable additions whereby the Professors and Students of those institutions are able to keep up with the advancing progress of Theological literature. Our is the only one and is now deplorably deficient in every department of Sacred Science. The serious disadvantages arising therefrom need not be enlarged on as your Board are fully able to appreciate it. The Faculty therefore earnestly hope that the Superintendents will take action in regard to this matter and hereby present for their consideration the following suggestions:

1. That the Theological Library be separated from the College Library and placed under the charge and control of the Theological Faculty.

2. That the Theol. Faculty be allowed to appoint one of the students as an under Librarian at a salary of $— per year.

3. That the Theol. Faculty be empowered to raise money and expend the same for the improvement of the Library and that they report every year to the Superintendents its condition.

The Faculty have for a length of time been convinced that our Seminary is suffering serious injury from the present arrangements and want of accommodation for the students. Under this conviction, it was thought proper to convene the Students and make particular inquiries of them upon this subject. The meeting was held, and the state-

ments made by the students and agreeable to the previous Conclusions of the Faculty that at the request of the latter these statements were embodied in the form of a report. This report has been compared, and the report thus made is hereby submitted to the Board of Superintendents.

J. F. Van Vleck
W. H. Campbell
John Mellen

Theol. Seminary
Sept. 15, 1854

Accompanying the Report of the Faculty was a Communication from the Theol. Students which was read and referred with the Committee on the preceding Report. [illegible]

A Communication was received from the Classis of Bergen recommending John E. Mekins for aid from the funds of the Church.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Geneva recommending Wm. Van Zetting, and William Harnett for aid from the funds of the Church.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Paramus recommending Cornelius Van Zandt for aid from the funds of the Church.

A similar Communication was received from the Classis of Hackensack recommending William J. Dremus for aid from the funds of the Church.

A Communication was received from the Classis of New York recommending John Schoder and Maurice J. Hansen for aid from the funds of the Church.

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Article 8.

Reports of Committees

The Com. on the admission of students presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Com. appointed to examine applicants for admission to the Theological Seminary met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday Oct. 4. 1853.

The following members of the Committee were present. Rev. Mahlon S. Mason Ferris, Thomas C. Strong, Abraham Labagh, John Van Liew, Jacob C. Sears &c. together with the Professors.

The Com. was organized by the appointment of Rev. Abraham Labagh as Chairman and Rev. Thomas C. Strong as Clerk.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. M. Mason Ferris.

The following young gentlemen presented themselves for admission to the Seminary:

Philip M. Doolittle	Graduate of	Union College
James Demarest Jr.	"	" "
John M. Wagner	"	Rutgers College
Josiah Markle	"	" "
T. Dewitt Talmage	"	University of N. York
Abner F. Munn	"	Rutgers College
J. Ferguson Harris	"	" "
Edwards Tanjore Corwin	"	Free Academy N. York
John Henry Carter	Student from	Hillsboro Mississippi
Giles Van Benschoten		
Oliver S. Wyckoff	Graduate of	Rutgers College

They were severally examined upon personal piety and their views and motives in desiring the ministry. After which it was

Resolved that the examinations of the above young men be sustained. and that they be received to the Theological seminary.

Resolved that Giles Van Benschoten shall be recommended to the Board of Education for

aid from the Funds

Resolved that in case any persons apply for admission into the Theological Seminary that the Professors of the Seminary be authorized to examine and receive them

Closed with prayer by Rev Saml C. Lord D.D.

Thomas E. Strong Clerk

The Com. on Synodical minutes presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Com. on Synod minutes have examined the minutes of the last Gen. Synod and find nothing claiming the attention of this Board except on page 47 where there is a [illegible] modification of the plan of 1871 which authorizes the Board of Superintendents to decide in case where should receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund. The Synod now by a direct vote recommend to the Board of Superintendents the persons who shall have the benefit of the Van Benschoten and Rebecca Knox funds provided they comply with the regulations of the General Synod in reference to their preliminary examinations. It is supposed that this change has no other bearing on the duties of this Board than to determine which of those who pass their examination shall have the benefit of the Van Benschoten and Rebecca Knox funds.

N. Wells Chm.

The Com. on the Professorial Report presented their report which was accepted unanimously adopted and is as follows:

The Com. on the professorial report respectfully present that it appears that the number of students was 29 and is now 28 one, Nelson Stout having died during the year of whom the Professors write that he was "a young man who was eminent for his industry, literary at

tainments are petty, and that in his diocese "the Church has suffered a serious loss".

The interesting list the band of German students has been increased by the accession of John H. Oerter & Jean M. Wagner. There is also in the seminary J. R. Kruse a German and a licentiate who is spending a year of probation with the intention of laboring among his countrymen as a minister of our Church. Another of those admitted last fall is a Hollander who will in a few years be trust be authorized to preach to those speaking the language of our fathers.

The professors testify that the students have conducted themselves as Christians and that in general they have been industrious but that there has been an irregularity in attending upon the duties of the seminary which in some instances has been quite prejudicial to improvement. For a portion of this a sufficient excuse is made by sickness but the remainder is not accounted for.

Considering it to be their duty your Committee have made enquiries in regard to this matter and find that the students are too much engaged in preaching. No one desires to bring accusations against individuals but we are told in general terms that the resolutions of last year in regard to the preaching of students have been broken. The evil is a serious one. The time of the young men is consumed in travelling from place to place and their minds are so occupied in the preparation of sermons for present use as to forbid the necessary attention to studies in the seminary. Your Com. is by no means desirous that our licentiates should enter upon their work entirely inexperienced in the public preaching of the word but we feel that there is an excess of this practice which must be pruned or the character of our ministry must deteriorate.

recommend the adoption:

Resolved that the Professors be requested to read again to the students at the beginning of the next seminary year the rules passed by this Board last year - to present to a vigorous enforcement of said rules - and to report to the Board next year every act of disobedience to these regulations which may come to their knowledge.

Attention was then called to the other subjects of the state of the theological library and the necessity of making some provision for the accommodation of the theological students.

The professors strongly urged the propriety, respectfully request that the library of the seminary be separated from that of the College and placed under their control. If we decide to this shall this library be an open one? The professors' report plainly contemplates a large addition to the present collection. This ought to be made. We are sure that no intelligent man in the church can to this object but rather heartily approve and aid such a course. Where then is the room? It is certainly not now enclosed by the College walls. Unquestionably there is not an unoccupied room in this building which is a proper place for such a library.

The students in paper carefully prepared by their committee tell us that they are paying 3 and 4 dollars a week for their board in private houses and are threatened with an increase next term of 50 cts. While the students of Union Seminary in New York and of Princeton Seminary are all in one building have their board the former for $1.62½ per week and the latter for [illegible] They also tell us that there have been sickness and deaths among them in consequence

[illegible] of the Office is made to the Lecture Committee that henceforward they will guarantee [illegible] with Office and that, most of all, the Committee are turning their eyes to the seminaries where they can use their influence by having pleasant this Course. They request the [illegible] of a Seminary building and then the Prof. [illegible] in their report will accede to any reasonable [illegible] Thus the matter rests [illegible] to most decisive and [illegible] means to decrease the expenses of our Students is to must [illegible] Prof. [illegible] Library with at least $50. more than his present [illegible] to must shut up our Seminary [illegible] has reached a critical point but the [illegible] difficulties in the way of the [illegible] the [illegible] of the Committee that we [illegible] upon the [illegible] of erecting a Theol. Hall which shall [illegible] our Common Library Comfortable lecture rooms a Place in which the Students may preach & where the Society's Money may meet. Committees and a Professorship and the least a lecture fee for our Institution in Biblical Literature. There is hardly another Convention which could do so much. In this [illegible] that is without such a building the right hand is the most [illegible] of the people of the Church be with the Salvation of our Seminary [illegible] here is and that in a [illegible] manner.

Committee.

Recommend the following action:

Whereas the Proprietors request the separation of the Theological Seminary from this [illegible] and express their entire confidence in the request of the Students for a Theological Hall connected in the present [illegible] Course in Rev. Vellenbrooke and whereas the urgency of the case is such that a [illegible] delay would be highly inconvenient therefore resolved that the [illegible] be taken on action

Resolved that the Theological Professors and three members of this Board (now to be appointed) be a Committee to proceed as soon as practicable to procure plans for such a Theol. Hall as is seen before described and a collect funds sufficient for the erection of such edifice *

Resolved that as soon as said funds be collected or subscribed the Committee take measures to call a meeting of the General Synod in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and request said Synod to legislate upon this matter and ratify the action of this Board and its Committee.

Resolved that the Gen. Synod be requested:

1. To take measures to separate the Theological Library from that of the College.

2. To place this Library under the Charge and Control of the Theological Faculty

3. To empower the Theological Faculty to appoint one of the Students as an under Librarian at a Salary of $50. a year to be paid from the funds of the Church.

4. To authorize the Theol. Faculty to raise [illegible] and expend the sum for the improvement of the Library and that [illegible] to expend [illegible] any year to the superintendence.

Jno M. Ferris
Philip Pelty } Com.
S. S. Wingfield

* The following were appointed as the Committee contemplated in the above report of the Com. on the Professorship. Rev. J. N. Chambers D.D. Rev. J. Mason Ferris and Rev. Thomas E. Strong.

The Com. on the [illegible] to the Seminary presented their report which was [illegible] and is as follows

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the [illegible] New Brunswick July 11, 1854 at 11 o'clock A.M. and was opened with prayer by the Vice President Rev. [illegible]

The following members were present:

Rev. J. M. Crowell D.D.	Rev. J. Wason Sen.
" F. [illegible]	" John [illegible]
" [illegible] D.D.	" John [illegible] D.D.
" [illegible]	" Richard [illegible]
" W. Mitchell	" Alexander Nelson
" [illegible]	" [illegible]
" [illegible]	" J. Hemphill
" John [illegible]	" Thomas [illegible]
" John [illegible]	" Cornelius [illegible]
" John [illegible]	" Philip [illegible]
" John [illegible]	

The Trustees of Queen's College and Queen's Theological Seminary [illegible] as [illegible] at this meeting.

The Board now proceeded to the election of Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef as President and Rev. Thomas C. Strong Vice President.

The following young Gentlemen have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution during the past year by

Of the Senior Class

Peter N. Collier	John Hutton
Gilbert Lane	Seven S. Stillwell
William H. Letson	Nelson Trent
Edward P. Perkins	of the Presbyterian church

Of the Middle Class.

John F. DeBaun	Ezekiel C. Scudder
J. Sanson Vanderveer	Jared N. Scudder
Edward P. Livingston	Cornelius L. Wells
Francis J. Schneewind	John Van Vleck
Herman Schnellendreuffer	Francis A. Zatriatie
Francis R. Schwedes	

Of the Junior Class.

Edward H. Cowin	John Henry Oerter
James Demarest Jr.	T. Dewitt Talmage
Philip M. Doolittle	Giles Van Derveer
J. Ferguson Harris	John M. Wagner
Josiah Martin	Jacob J. Westerfeld
Jansen F. Munn.	

Of this number we are sorry to learn that one, Mr. Nelson Stout has been removed by death. He was eminent for his industry, attainments and piety, and we feel justly regard his early death as a serious loss to the church. The little band of German students has been increased by accession of John H. Oerter and John M. Wagner. There is also in the Seminary J. R. Schwedes a German and a Scotchman who is spending a year of probation with the intention of entering among his countrymen as a minister of the Church. Another of those admitted last fall is a Hollander who will in a few years be trust be authorized to preach to those speaking the language of our fathers.

The Professors bear testimony to the Christian deportment of the students and in general to their industry. Some irregularities of attendance have been caused by the ill judged zeal of some to engage in preaching beyond the limits prescribed by the Synod. We trust have taken such measures as will effectually remedy the evil.

The attention of the Board has been called

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to Society, inquiring and also to receive for the Proposed Biblical Library. The Board have therefore been led to take the following action,

Whereas, the Trustees request the separation of the Theological library from that of the College and also express their entire concurrence in the request of the students for a Theological Hall annexed by the present Act of Assn. in New Brunswick - and whereas the urgency of the case is such that a year's delay would be highly injurious, therefore presuming that the Gen. Synod will sanction our action

Resolved, that the Theological Professors, and their successors in this Board (when so appointed) be a Committee to proceed as soon as possible to procure plans of such a Theological Hall as is herein before described and to collect funds sufficient for the erection of such an edifice.

Resolved, that as soon as such moneys be collected or subscribed the Committee take measures to call a meeting of the General Synod in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and request that body to legislate upon the matter and ratify the action of this Board and the Committee.

Resolved that the Gen. Synod be requested:

1. To take measures to separate the Theological Library from that of the College;

2. To place this library under the charge and control of the Theological Faculty

3. To empower the Faculty to appoint one of the students as an under librarian at a salary of [illegible] a year to be paid from the funds of the Church.

4. To [illegible] to raise money [illegible] in Maine for the improvement of the Library which Christina is upon its condition every year to the Superintendents

Article I

Board of Examiners met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday Sept [illegible] at 11 O'clock am. and Continued in session until Wednesday night.

The Session was opened with prayer by Dr Cornelius Van Cleef the President

Article II. Members present.

Rev Geo F Cornell	Rev. [illegible] C. F. Hoes D.D
" Jacob C Sears D.D.	" Richard H. Steele
" Paul S Van Cleef	" Samuel J. Searle
" Aaron D Merkel	" C. S. Mead
Anthony Einendorf	" Edwin Beazer
Thomas C. Strong	" Abraham C. Swits
" Cornelius Van Cleef	" J. Romeyn Berry
" [illegible] Ludlow D.D.	" M. [illegible] D.D
" John S Stearns	Philip Peter
" Cornelius E. Crispell	" Cyrus D. Gregory D.D
Philip Phelps Jr.	" Jacob R. Van Fredals
" John A Lansing	" [illegible] C. Millspaugh

The Classis of New York was not represented.

Article III

Election of Officers.

Rev. John C F Hoes D.D. was Elected President and Paul S. Van Cleef Clerk pro tem.

Article IV

Reading of the Minutes and rules

The [illegible] of the last meeting was read. The minutes were [illegible]

[illegible]

The following were appointed:

1 On the Professorial report

Rev Cornelius E Crispell

" Jacob C Sears D.D.

Remarks upon the measures of the Committee. They may
[illegible] the inquiries suggested by the Objections
of [illegible] to the Erection of a Hall have resulted only
in a clear conviction of the necessity of such a building.
As a measure of Defence against the Attachments
to which every Theological Institution in the land is
so liable out to prove many men by means of just such
accommodations as a Hall affords. The Faculty would
respectfully suggest whether a re-affirmation of the views
expressed by the Board in their former resolution might
not prove valuable in the hands of the Committee appointed
by Synod to carry out the design so promptly
and earnestly adopted by that Venerable Body.

As the Synod
has submitted to the Board of Superintendents and the Faculty
of the College the consideration of a change in the sessions of the Seminary making but one session and one
vacation in the year instead of three, each the Faculty
do not deem it an intrusion to state their hearty
approbation of the measure. All the instructions which
they now afford to the College can by a proper arrangement
of the studies be as easily conducted under the proposed as
under the present plan. And while the inconvenience
of waiting the report of the Board lie over for nearly
a year before presentation to the Synod will be avoided
several advantages will accrue to the Students. Their travelling expenses to and from home will be diminished
at least one half and in many cases more than so. The
time of their absence from the Institution being all brought
within a single space. Opportunity will be afforded to
such of them as may need it to enter upon some employment which may yield them a handsome remuneration. Nor will it be deemed altogether unimportant
that the graduates should be at liberty to present themselves to the Churches at an earlier period of the year
than at present and before the graduates of other institutions have had an opportunity of visiting our va-

Cont. Congregational. The examination of the students in Hebrew at the end of each year has not hitherto been required by the Board. The working of this Plan, for want of the stimulus of an examination upon the study of the language for the last year of the course is in the judgment of the Professor in the Biblical department unhappy: and it is respectfully submitted whether an order for an examination in the Hebrew language at the end of each year in the theological course would not be productive of beneficial results.

The number of students in attendance during the academic year is twenty seven, as follows:

Of the Senior Class.

John A. De Baun — J. Sanborn Gruelman — Edward P. Livingston
Franc M. Schneider — H. F. F. Schneller Chrupler — Franz R. Schneider
Zeker Scudder — Jared N. Scudder — John Van Vleck
Cornelius L. Wells — Francis A. Zabriskie

Of the Middle Class.

E. Janjin Corwin — James Demarest — P. M. Doremite
J. Ferguson Harris — Josiah Markle — Amos F. Mann
John Henry Oxner — T. Dwight Talmage — Giles Van Horwade.
John Martin Wagner — Jacob I. Wyckoff

Of the Junior Class.

Henry E. Decker — John McC. Haines — James Le Fevre
Howard Suydam — Henry P. Thompson

Of the Senior Class three are native Germans. We expect to preach to their countrymen in their own language and three are destined for the foreign missionary field. The two Mess. Scudder will connect with the Classis of Arcot in India and Mr. Gerstmann expects to unite with Messrs. Doty and Talmage in China.

The attention of the students to their various studies has generally been commendable. The faculty however cannot but lament the great deficiency of Mr. Markle in the several terms of the Prof. for years. He has contained much of ill health.

to whatever cause a failure to reach the standard might ascribe. The fact of its excellence undoubtedly demands a serious consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Alan Rankin
Wm H. Campbell
A. L. Lindley.

A Communication was received from the Classis of New Brunswick recommending Adam Hageman and J. Howard Van Doren for aid from the funds of the church in prosecuting their studies for the gospel ministry.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Geneva recommending Augustus Blauvelt, Josephus D. Krum and [illegible] for aid from the Board of Education in prosecuting their studies for the gospel ministry.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Passaic recommending Benjamin F. Barchof and Samuel S. Rogers for aid from the Educational funds of the church.

Article 7. Examinations.

It was resolved,

that the Professor of Didactic Theology commence his examinations on Tuesday at 3 o'clock P.M.

That the Professor of Biblical Literature commence his examinations on Wednesday at 9 o'clock A.M.

That the Professor of Church History and [illegible] commence his examinations on Wednesday [illegible] A.M.

That the members of the Senior Class give their specimens of preaching on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

The Senior Class was examined on Hebrew, Chaldee and Syriac, Jahn's Archaeology, Scripture Chronology and History.

The Middle Class was examined in Didactic and Polemic Theology Greek Testament. Canon of Scripture and Ecclesiastical History.

Specimens of Sermons were laid on the table by the members of the Middle and Senior classes.

The Senior Class was examined in Didactic and Polemic Theology Canon of Scripture. Church government. Ecclesiastical History General piety and views in desiring to enter the Ministry

It was resolved that the examination be sustained. And that the following members of the Senior Class be recommended to receive Professional Certificates

John F. DeBaun
J. Sanson Jerauld
Edward P. Livingston
Francis A. Schneewiss
Herman J. F. Schnellendreppler
Ezekiel C. Scudder
Jared W. Scudder
William L. Mills
John Van Vleck
Francis A. Zabriskie
Franz Reinhard Schneider

Article 8th

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the Professors Report respectfully submit the following:

From the report of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary we learn that the number of students in attendance during the academic year is twenty seven that their attention to their various studies has generally been commendable One however is noted as an exception and his conduct deficiency in the several rooms of the professors is lamented and presented for the serious consideration of the Board [illegible] he be summoned to appear before the Board and solemnly admonished by the President.

"Of the Senior Class three are native Germans who expect to preach to their Countrymen in their own language and three

are destined to the foreign mission and field. The [illegible] a student will connect with the Presbyterian Board in India [illegible] the Jewish Experts to unite with Mepin Dr. [illegible] and Laing in China."

The Examination of the students in Hebrew at the end of each year has not hitherto been required by the Board and in the judgment of the Professor in the Biblical department the want of the stimulus of an examination upon the study of the language for the last year of the course is unhappy. The Faculty therefore respectfully submit whether an order for an examination in the Hebrew language at the end of each year in the Theological Course would not be productive of beneficial results. Your Committee do not feel disposed to impose unnecessary labor upon our young men yet are of opinion that the additional stimulus of an examination in the Hebrew language at the conclusion of their course would be of decided benefit to them. And therefore do recommend to the Board such an examination.

The Synod at its last session submitted to the Board the consideration of a change in the sessions of the seminary making but one session and one vacation in the year instead of three of each in order that the meetings of the Board may precede those of the Synod and the incongruity of having the report of the Board lie over for nearly a year before presentation to the Synod may be avoided." The Faculty in their report state their hearty approbation of the measure and add that as [illegible] the [illegible] offers to the College can by a proper arrangement of the studies be as easily rendered under the proposed as under the present plan. They further specify the following advantages which will accrue to the students. Their travelling expenses to and from home will be diminished at least one half; and in many cases

two thirds. The time of their absence from the Institution being all bought within a single space opportunity will be afforded to such of them as may need it to enter upon some Employment which may yield them a handsome remuneration. Nor will it be deemed altogether unimportant that the graduates should be at liberty to present themselves to the Churches at an earlier period of the year than at present. and before the graduates of other institutions have had an opportunity of visiting our vacant Congregations.

These considerations your Committee deem of great weight and can see no well-founded objections to the proposed change and would therefore report these views to the Synod.

It is to us a matter of deep regret that the Committee appointed at our last annual meeting to collect funds sufficient for the erection of a Theological Hall have not succeeded in their undertaking. When the application to the Consistory of the Collegiate Church for the sum of $25.000 was generously and magnanimously met by that Consistory. our Theological Professors our Students our ministers and most of our laity who are conversant with the obstacles ~~which~~ that were about to be removed from and the aid that was about to be given to our young men preparing for the ministry reacted more freely in the confident hope of the speedy erection of the Hall. When that Consistory reconsidered their resolution and in place of issuing bonds for the principal $25.000 according to their original pledge resolved to pay the interest of that sum annually for the benefit of the Theological Students the Church was surprised and disappointed. and as soon as practicable and almost unanimously appointed a Committee to waite upon that Consistory and respectfully and earnestly in the name of the General Synod to solicit them to restore their most liberal grant of $25.000

to its original form. This solicitation directed by the Synod has been made and answered by a repeal even of the resolution granting an annuity of $1300 for the benefit of the students. May the respectful, earnest and anxious solicitation of the Church in behalf of our needy and suffering young men should be even the occasion of depriving them of such a benefit is to us inexplicable. But God's ways are ways of perfect wisdom and His hand is in all these events. Therefore we must not be in the least discouraged. Let a sense of duty to the Great Head of the Church prompt us to go forward. The need of a Theological Hall is as urgent now as it was last year and the more its need and the expediency of its erection are discussed they more clearly they appear to us. Let the application for funds now be made to the whole church. And when all our people shall hear of the self-denial, wants and suffering of our young men who for Christ's sake are persevering to attain the ministry of the gospel will not effects more beneficial than the supply of money follow? If our church pays more for the education of her ministers will she not value them more? If she knows more of the labors and positive sufferings of her young men will she not have and manifest in them more sympathy for them? We believe that incalculable benefits will flow from the magnitude which now exists to make the appeal for funds to the whole church. And these benefits God may be designing to confer.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That our convictions of the need of a Theological Hall are deepening as its need and the expediency of its erection are discussed

2. [illegible] of making earnest and immediate applica-

tion to all our Churches for the funds needed for its erection.

3. That we will use our influence in our respective Classes in aiding Synod's Committee in procuring said funds.

Respectfully submitted

R. Co. Schiepell

The Com. on Synodical Minutes presented the following report which was accepted.

The Com. &c. report that they have examined the minutes of the last meeting of the General Synod. The following subjects acted upon by the Synod claim the attention of the Board.

The following young gentlemen have been recommended by the Synod to the Board of Superintendents for examination with a view to their admission to the benefit of the Educational funds of the Church.

Henry H. Spring of the Classis of Albany
Samuel J. Rodgers " Passaic
Alonzo S. Peck " Schenectady
Edward Payson Pitcher " Hudson
Dirk Brock
Marinus Hoogesteger " Holland
Johannes Van der Meulen

On page 582 the following resolution is found.

"Resolved that the Theological Professors be requested to consider themselves guardians of all young men beneficiaries of the Church, watch carefully over their conduct and life. And whenever they discover censurable expenditure, remissness in study, lack of moral or religious qualification they make as soon as practicable a report to the Board of Education."

On p. 592 the following resolution is found:

Whereas the rule which requires applicants for aid from the beneficiary funds of our Church be recommended by the Board of Superintendents has caused much inconvenience and in some cases a delay of a whole year in others altogether preventing the entrance of young men upon their studies thereby

[illegible] that the General [illegible] allow the Board of Superintendents to delegate the power of recommending students to be placed upon the funds of the Church to their Committee for the reception of students into the Seminary and further in cases of emergency that the same power be committed to the discretion of the Theological faculty."

In 1874 the following action is found in reference to the term of the Theological year.

"It has been referred to a Committee to report whether it is expedient to change the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents and the term of the Theological year of the seminary. The Committee feel that the present arrangement would admit of some improvement. And yet in view of the relation of the Professors of the seminary to the College, it appears to propose any change without consultation with the members of the Faculty and Board of Trustees. And they therefore recommend that the subject be referred to the Board of Superintendents to report their views thereon at the adjourned meeting of the convention to be held in the City of Richmond on the 4th Tuesday of October next.

respectfully submitted
Thomas C. Stone Chm."

Resolved that the Board authorize its Committee for the reception of students into the Seminary on due examination to recommend such cases as may come before them for aid from the Education fund of the Church and also authorize them to delegate the same authority to the Theological professors according to the action of the Synod Minutes 1855 p. 192.

Resolved that so much of the above report as relates to the change of the Theological year be referred to the Com. on Professional [illegible]

The Com. on the Admission of Students [illegible]

[illegible]

they were for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Professors of the Theological Seminary.

The following young gentlemen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the following [illegible].

Resolved that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Board of Superintendents [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Church [illegible] Committee for the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the Seminary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Theological Faculty.

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The Committee on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the following [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met in the Theological Hall in New Brunswick on Tuesday July [illegible] 185[illegible] at 11 o'clock A.M.

The session was opened with prayer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The following members were present.

Rev. Walton N. W. Laren D.D.
" Frederick Z. Connell
" Jacob C. Sears D.D.
" Paul D. van Cleef
" Jacob B. Montfield
" Anthony Chuendet
" Thomas C. Strong
" Cornelius van Cleef
" John J. Staats
" Cornelius C. Crispell
" Philip Phelps
" John A. Lansing

Rev. John C. F. Hoves D.D.
" Richard H. Steele
" Samuel J. Searle
" Cornelius S. Mead
" Edwin Bedder
" Abraham S. Suits
" J. Romeyn Berry
" Philip Pelton
" Oscar H. [illegible]
" Jacob R. van Fridale
" Alexander C. Millspaugh

The Classis of New York was not represented

The students who have been in attendance on the lectures of the professors during the year are

Of the Senior Class.

John A. Dey-aun
J. Sansom Jerolamon
Edward P. Livingston
Frank M. Schneewiss
H. J. F. Schnellendreufler
Franz R. Schwedes
Ezekiel Scudder
Jared M. Scudder
John van Vleck
Cornelius L. Wells
Francis A. Zabriskie

of the Middle Class.

E. Janjine Corwin
James Demarest
P. M. Doolittle
J. Ferguson Harris
Josiah Markle
Amsom F. Munn
John Henry Oerter
J. Deville Talmage
Giles van der Wall
John Martin Wagner
Jacob S. Wyckoff

Of the Junior Class.

Henry E. Decker
John M. C. Holmes
James S. Ferre
J. Howard Suydam
Henry P. Thompson

It appears that three of the members of the Senior Class are native [illegible] the gospel to their

[illegible] Tongue [illegible] are destined to the foreign missionary field. [illegible] Scudder hoping to unite with the Classis of Arcot in India and Mr. Jerome [illegible] designing to join Messrs. Doty and Talmage in China. The above facts are as gratifying as the consideration is painful that but five remain to supply all the ordinary and numerous vacancies in our Church, and the urgent demands of the Board of Domestic Missions. Surely the harvest is plentiful and the labourers few.

The Professors furnished us with the testimony that the attention of the young gentlemen had generally been commendable. One case of delinquency however was noticed by them which the Board felt constrained to make the subject of serious and earnest rebuke.

The several classes were examined in the different departments of study and the seniors in addition on their personal piety, their views in entering the ministry and manner of preaching. On which it was resolved, that the examinations be sustained and that the members of the senior class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates.

The annual sermon before the Board was delivered by Rev. Philip Peltz on the evening of the first day of the session from Col 2.19. and the address to the students at the close of the examination by Rev. Gabriel Ludlow D.D.

The following young men having been duly recommended by the Classes for aid from the funds of the Church on examination were accepted as beneficiaries - Stephen D. Krum, Minor Swick, Benjamin H. Barthof, Samuel C. Rodgers and Frederick F. Milson. Augustus A. Lawrence having at the session of the previous year been examined was in like manner received.

The cases of Messrs. Van Doren

since Freeman and Van Peet were referred back. The
to women to the Classis of New Brunswick. and the
men to the Classes of Schenectady. In view of which &
the frequent recurrence of this difficulty the Board of
would respectfully remind the General Synod of the importance
of calling the attention of the Classes to the rule which
requires that a young man shall have been a member
of the Church for one year before he applies for
aid from our educational funds. And they would
respectfully suggest to the above named Classes to en-
deavor to make provision for sustaining the young
men referred to until they shall be eligible as
students candidates and that they pay the expenses incur-
red by them in attending the meeting of the Board.

The terms of the following members will expire at
the next meeting of the Synod:

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers D.D.	of the Classis of	New York
" Marcus L. Sears D.D.	"	New Brunswick
" Aaron B. Winfield	"	Paramus
" Thomas E. Vermilye	"	North Long Island
Cornelius Van Cleef	"	Poughkeepsie
John C. F. Hoes D.D.		Hudson
" Richard D. Steele		Rensselaer
" Romeyn Berry	"	Cayuga
" Philip Veltz	"	Geneva

On the suggestion of the Professor in the Biblical department in order to afford an additional stimulant to continued application in this all important branch of study the Board recommend that hereafter an examination of all the Classes in the Seminary in Hebrew at the close of each year.

The Synod at its last session having instructed the Board the consideration of a change in the sessions of the Seminary making only a single session and a single vacation in each year instead of three as hitherto in order that the meetings

of the Board may precede these of the Synod and the inconguity of having the report of the Board lie over for nearly a year before presentation to the Synod may be avoided. The report of the Faculty states their hearty approbation of the measure and adds that all the instructions which they now afford to the College can by a proper arrangement of the studies be as easily rendered under the proposed as under the present plan. They further specify the following advantages which will accrue to the students. "Their travelling expenses to and from home will be diminished at least one half and in many cases two thirds: the time of their absence from the institution being all brought within a single space. Opportunity will be afforded to such of them as may need it to enter upon some employment which may yield them a handsome remuneration. Nor will it be deemed altogether unimportant that the graduates should be at liberty to present themselves to the churches at an earlier period of the year than at present, and before the graduates of other institutions have had an opportunity of visiting our congregations." The Board discerning the weight of these considerations give the proposed change their approval and report the above to the Synod.

We learn that the committee appointed at our last annual meeting to collect funds sufficient for the erection of a Theological Hall have thus far failed of success, and with painful emotions we learn further that the benefaction of $25,000 generously and magnanimously made at first by the Collegiate Church for this object and afterwards changed to its interest $1500 annually for the benefit of the Theological students viz. since the late decisive and well-nigh unanimous action of the Synod been entirely revoked. A bright prospect is thus unhappily blighted, and the sad consequences will fall heavily we fear on

these now in course of preparation for the ministry in our Institutions while it must for the present diminish the number of those who would otherwise have sought admission to them. The views of the Board in reference to the necessity of such a building have by no means been modified. And our dependence for still achieving this object is on the living God who owns the silver and the gold and who has said "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world". Our appeal is to the liberality of those whom Jesus the Savior has bought with His blood and who prefer Jerusalem above their chief joy."

In reference to the above the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That our convictions of the need of a Theological Hall are deepening as its need and the expediency of its erection are discussed.

2. That we heartily approve of our Committee's plan of making earnest and immediate application to all our Churches for the funds needed for its erection.

3. That we will use our influence in our respective classes in aiding the Committee in hastening in procuring said funds.

Respectfully submitted

A. Cameron Clerk

Article 9.

Applicants for beneficiary aid.

The following young men applied for beneficiary aid and were examined by the Board on the various subjects prescribed by the General Synod by Josephus D. Krum Minor Wert, Benjamin F. Barkhoff, Samuel I. Rodgers, Frederick F. Wilson.

Resolved that the examination of the above young men be sustained and that they

[illegible] with the Board of Education to the Board of their [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Elizabeth having [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Board of Education.

[illegible] Offering [illegible] [illegible] Church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

ens $8.25 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that the President of the Board be requested to interrogate the members of each class of our Theological Seminary in regard to the observance or non-observance of the rules adopted by this Board in 1853 in reference to preaching and reprove such as have violated them.

Article 11.

Assumption and Close

The minutes were read and approved.

Article 12.

Adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer.

John [illegible] F. [illegible] Chair

Paul D. Van Cleef Clk. H.C.

David D. Demarest

Stated Clerk.

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Art 1.

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday, May 20th at 11 o'clock A.M. and continued in Session until Thursday morning 11 o'clock

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev J. C. F. Hoes D.D. President.

Art 2.

Members present.

Rev. J. W. Chambers DD
" J. F. Cornell
" L. C. Sears
" P. D. Van Cleef
" J. C. Strong
" C. Van Cleef
" Gabriel Ludlow DD
" C. E. Crispell
" Philip Phelps Jr.
" A. C. Millspaugh
" John A. Lansing

Rev. J. C. F. Hoes DD
" Ro. H. Steele
" S. T. Searle
" C. S. Mead
" Edwin Vedder
" Abm. J. Twitt
" M. N. McLaren DD
" Philip Pelts
" O. H. Gregory DD
" J. K. Van Lindale

The Classes of Illinois, Michigan, Holland, Arcot, Wisconsin, Cayuga, Passaic, Paramus, & South L. Island were not represented.

Art 3

Election of Officers

Rev Gabriel Ludlow DD. was elected President, and Rev Samuel T. Searle Clerk pro. tem.

Art 4

Reading of the minutes and Rules.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were read.

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Art 5.

Standing Committees

1. On Professoral Report
   Rev T. W. Chambers D.D.
   " Edwin Vedder
   " Philip Pettit

2. On the Synodical Report
   Rev Oscar H. Gregory D.D.
   " T. F. Cornell
   " Philip Phillips Jr

3. On Synodical Minutes
   Rev. Abm. V. Smith
   " C. E. Criswell
   " J. R. Van Arsdale

4. On admission of Students
   Rev Alex. C. Millspaugh
   " Anthony Elmendorf
   " P. D. Van Cleef
   " John A. Lansing
   " Gabriel Ludlow D.D.
   " C. A. Van Vranken D.D.
   " W. D. Campbell D.D.
   " John Ludlow D.D.

Art 6.

Communications

The following communication was received from the Professors of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professoral Report.

The Professors of the Theological Seminary respectfully present to the Board of Superintendents the following Report. The students have maintained through the year a consistent christian deportment, have been active in the Sabbath schools, & in addition to the devotional exercises which have been usual among them, have maintained a weekly prayer meeting in connection

with the students of the College. We are happy to add that a direct religious influence has been exerted by the students of the Seminary upon those of the College.

Punctuality in attendance upon the lectures has been observed, and commendable diligence in study has been maintained.

The following is the Catalogue of students for the year.

Senior Class

C. Sayre Corwin	Anson F. Mann
James Demarest	John Henry Oerter
J. M. Doolittle	T. DeWitt Talmage
J. Ferguson Harris	Giles Van der Wall
Josiah Markle	John Martin Wagner

Jacob S. Wyckoff 11

Middle Class

Henry E. Decker	James Le Fevre
John McC. Holmes	A. Howard Luyster

Henry P. Thompson 5

Junior Class

Wm. T. Enyard	Alvin Ostrom
Henry W. Loring	Daniel Rappleje
John S. Lott	Fred. W. Riedel
John C. Lowe	Jeremiah Searle Jr
Joseph Mayow	Mason R. Strong
Alex. McKelvy	Robert G. Strong
Jacob Fred. McC.	Augustus F. Todd

John K. Thompson

Of the above number, Mr Henry W. Loring, after a very short stay withdrew from the Seminary without consultation with any of the Professors. The subject of his difficulty was church government upon which his mind was unsettled when he entered the Seminary, but of this the Professors were ignorant, until he had left.

Four of the students are Germans, and we hear of

Others who expect to enter the Institution in September next. In this connection the faculty would take occasion to express the pleasure with which they have noticed the striking change produced by attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary, in the views, sentiments, and habits of persons of foreign birth & education. Should the Superintendents agree with the Professors in their views of the great importance of a training in our Institution, there is reason to hope that, upon a representation of the subject to the General Synod an order will be passed, requiring all persons of foreign birth & education to spend at least one year, if not more in the Seminary as a prerequisite to employment among our ministers, and settlement in our churches.

The Professors cannot close this report without congratulating the Board on the progress of the Peter Hertog Theological Hall, the plan for the erection of which was so promptly and energetically acted upon when first presented to your body. The contracts specify the first of September coming for the completion of the building. From the statements of the contractors, and from what you can see from the place of your meeting, there is good reason to believe that the work will be done in the specified time. Thus far no casualty has occurred, no serious interruption been experienced. The same kind Providence which united the counsels of the church to resolve, and moved the hearts of the benevolent to provide the means, still smiles upon the undertaking. While we offer our devout thanks to God for the past, we will trust in him still, not only to bring the work to its completion, but to make it eminently subservient to the end for which it was undertaken.

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Samuel A. Van Vranken
Wm. H. Campbell
John Ludlow

A Communication was received from the Classis of New Brunswick recommending Isaac Bailey, Holloway Pierce, and J. Howard Van Doren for aid from the funds of the Church in pursuing their studies for the Ministry.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Schenectady recommending Philip Turbeck for aid from the funds of the Church.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Schoharie recommending Edward W. Bagnious for aid from the Educational funds of the Church.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Orange recommending John R. Rhinehart for aid from the funds of the Church.

Art 7.

Examinations

The same order in the examination of the students adopte last year was followed. viz.

The Professor of Didactic Theology commenced his examination on Tuesday at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Prof. of Biblical Literature on Wednesday at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Prof. of Church History & Government on Wednesday at 3 o'clock P. M.

The members of the Senior class gave specimens of preaching on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clk

Both the Senior & the Junior Classes placed sermons upon the table to be examined by the Board.

The Junior class was examined in Hebrew Jahn's archaeology, & Biblical History & Chronology.

The Middle class was examined in Didactic & Polemic Theology Hebrew, Greek Testament, and

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Church History

The Senior Class was examined in Didactic and Polemic Theology, Hebrew, Pastoral Theology, Church History, & Government, personal piety and views in entering the Ministry.

It was resolved that the examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended for Professoral certificates, with the exception of Mr Josiah Markle.

In regard to Mr Markle's case the Board unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas Josiah Markle has been absent from the exercises of the Seminary for a large proportion of the regular term of three years during which he has been a member of the Seminary, and

Whereas the Sermons which he has laid before the Board do not give sufficient evidence of his ability to preach the Gospel unto edification, therefore

Resolved that the said Josiah Markle be advised to continue the prosecution of his studies in the Seminary during another year.

John R. Rhinehart, Edward V. Bogardus, Philip Furbeck, Holloway W. Pierce, & Isaac Bailey were examined as applicants for aid from the educational funds of the Church, and were recommended, and the Stated Clerk was authorised to furnish them with warrants upon the Treasurer of the Board of Education for the payment of their expenses.

Art 8

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the admission of students in to the Seminary reported as follows. –

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Board of Superintendents held on the 3d Tuesday of July 1855, to examine any who should apply to admission into the Theological Seminary, and upon the funds of the Church, report that they met for these purposes in the Theological Hall Oct. 2nd 1855. A quorum being present the Rev J. Ludlow was appointed chairman, and Rev J. F. Cornell Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer. The following members of the Committee were present. – The professors, Van Rensselaer and Campbell, Revs. John a Staats, Philip Phelps, Aaron B. Winfield, J. F. Cornell, & J. Ludlow.

The following young gentlemen presented themselves for examination in order to their admission into the Seminary, Augustus F. Todd, Frederick Riedel, John S. Lott, Jacob H. Nesf, Jeremiah Searle Jr., Joseph Mayo, Daniel Rappleje, John B. Thompson, Robert G. Strong, William T. Ingraid, Alex. Mc Relvey, Mason R. Strong, Alvin Ostrom, & John C. Lalive. They were all carefully examined, their examination was sustained, and they were recommended as members of the Seminary by an unanimous vote of your Committee. The most agreeable and cheering anticipations were indulged, as to their future course and prospects. Mr Gulick appeared before your Committee requesting to be received on the funds of the church with the view of prosecuting his studies for the ministry, but for want of a Classical certificate was referred to the Professors for their action when he should have obtained the required document.

Mr Vickham likewise presented himself, and

after producing the proper credentials was examined, and his examination having been sustained, he was recommended for the benefit of the funds, agreeably to the rules of General Synod.

Resolved, that the Professors of the Seminary be authorized to examine and recommend any other students who may seek admission into the Seminary, paid from the funds of the Church.

Respectfully Submitted
G. Ludlow. Chm.

New Brunswick
May 20th 1856

The Committee on Synodical Minutes present the following items found in the Supplementary minutes of General Synod, p. 19 under article Professorate. "The Board at the request of the Prof. of Bib. Lit." ~~recommended~~ an examination of all the Classes in the Seminary in Hebrew, at the close of each year. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, Resolved that the yearly examination in Hebrew extend to all the classes in the Seminary.

Also Resolution on p. 20th same minutes in the following words —

Resolved that the annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents be held on the 3rd Tuesday in May.

Submitted Abm. J. Swits. Chm.

The Committee on the Professoral report respectfully present.

That this document exhibits a gratifying condition of things in the Theological Seminary. The whole number of students who have been in attendance is 31. of whom 11 were in the Senior class, 5 in the Middle class, and 15 in the Junior class. One gentleman Henry H. Loring of the Junior class, after a very short stay withdrew from the Seminary

without consultation with any of the Professors. The faculty suggest that this step was taken on account of difficulties on the subject of Church government. The diligence of the students and their punctuality in attending the lectures, obtain the commendation of their Professors. The general religious influence of the students is spoken of in a manner which gladdens the hearts of all who love this institution. The Professors note that there are four Germans in the Seminary, and others expect to enter next year. The Faculty express the pleasure with which they have noticed the "striking change produced by attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary, in the views sentiments and habits of persons of foreign birth and education". In this connection the faculty make an important suggestion in these words. "Should the Superintendents agree with the Professors in their views of the great importance of a training in our institution, there is reason to hope that upon a representation of the subject to the General Synod, an order will be passed requiring all persons of foreign birth and education, to spend at least one year if not more in the Seminary as a prerequisite to involvement among our ministers, and settlement in our churches. Your committee recommend that this part of the report be recommended to the serious consideration of the General Synod. The report closes with a gratifying allusion to the prospect that the Peter Mertz Theological Hall will soon be ready for the use of the students. We cordially join in the thanks expressed for the divine favor so manifestly granted to this enterprise and are full of confidence that our covenant God will make it a means of great usefulness to the important objects for which this Seminary was established.

On behalf of the Com. P. Pelz —

The committee on the Synodical report presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 6th 1856 at 10 o'clock. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev I. C. G. Hoes, President.

The following members were present – (See Art 2)

The Rev Gabriel Ludlow DD was chosen President, and Rev Simeon S. Earle Clerk pro tem.

From the annual report of the Theological Faculty we learn that the following students have attended the exercises of the Theological Seminary during the past year – (See Professor's Report)

The students of the Several Classes were examined on the various studies pursued in the Seminary. The Senior Class in addition to their ordinary subjects of examination gave specimens of sermons, as to composition, analysis, and delivery. They were also examined on experimental religion, and the evidences of a Call to labor in the duties of the Gospel ministry. Their examination being well sustained, they were unanimously recommended for their professional certificates, with the exception of Mr Josiah Markle, in reference to whom the following resolution was passed –

"Whereas Josiah Markle has been absent from the exercises of the Seminary for a large proportion of the regular term of three years during which he has been a member of the Seminary, and whereas the sermons which he has laid before the Board do not give sufficient evidence of his ability to preach the Gospel unto edification, therefore

Resolved, that the said Josiah Markle be advised to continue the prosecution of his studies in the Seminary during another year."

The sermon before the Board was preached in the Evening of the first day of the Session by the Rev. M. N. McLaren, from Rom. 1st Ch. 15th v.

The address to the students at the close of the examination was delivered by the Rev. E. E. Crispell. The following persons were examined and recommended to the educational funds of the Church, with a view to prosecute their studies with a special reference to the Gospel Ministry.

from the Classis of New Brunswick	Isaac Bailey
	Holloway W. Pierce
Schenectady	Philip Turbeck
Schoharie	Edwin W. Bogardus
Orange	John R. Rhinehart.

Those from the Classis of N. B. recommended to the New Brunswick fund.

The seats of the following members are made vacant by the expiration of their terms of service.

Classis of N. Brunswick —	Rev J. C. Guss D.D.
" Paramus	" J. B. Winfield
North " Long Island	" Thos. C. Strong
" Greene	" Philip Pelton
" New York	" T. W. Chambers D.D.
" Rensselaer	" Richd H. Steele
" Hudson River	" Cornelius Van Cleef
" Cayuga	" J. Romeyn Berry
" Ulster	" J. C. F. Goes D.D.

There appear to have been no appointments for the Classes of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Mallerne, and Great.

Your committee feel that they have great reason to give thanks to the great Head of the Church for the many blessings which have rested on our Theological Seminary during the past year. Our professors have been

[illegible] health to continue with diligence at their posts. The attendance of the students has been punctual, and their studies prosecuted with faithfulness, & have given to their teachers pleasing evidences of piety, and of prospective usefulness in the Christian ministry. In conclusion we feel that our School of the Prophets has an increasing claim upon the sympathy, prayers and coöperation of the church. Our young men are yearly sent out to occupy the places made vacant by those who have long blown the gospel trumpet not only, but to occupy places in the Master's vineyard, hitherto but partially cultivated, while some have felt themselves constrained to preach Christ and Him crucified in heathen lands. The prospects of the seminary are in every way encouraging. Young students are presenting themselves with a view to the Gospel ministry, for the advantages of our literary and Theological Seminary. Already the Peter Hertog Hall meets our eyes. Its foundation has been laid as we believe with much prayer, faith and remarkable benevolence, and will be finished during the present season. This will be an important event in the history of our Theological Seminary, and of the Ref. Dutch Church. While then we contemplate the history of the past & the prospects of the future, and are ready to inquire, "Watchman, what of the night"? In the gratitude and reason we can say, "The morning cometh".

Your Committee recommend the following resolution -

Resolved, that our Theological Seminary is worthy of, and ought to possess the entire confidence, the earnest prayer, and the faithful coöperation of the churches.

All of which is

Respectfully yours,

Oscar N. Gregory Chm.

Oct 9

Applications for licensure, &c.

The following young men made application for examination with a view to being recommended to receive aid from the funds of the Church.

J. Hiram Van Doren
Isaac Bailey
Holloway W. Pierce
Edwin W. Bogardus
Philip Burbeck
John R. Rhinehart

Mr J. Hiram Van Doren did not present himself for examination.

Oct 10

Particulars

The annual sermon was preached on the evening of the first day of the Session by Rev M. A. McLaren D.D. from Rom Ch. 1st v. 16

The address to the students at the close of the examination on Tuesday evening was delivered by Cornelius E. Crispell.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory D.D. was appointed to preach the sermon at the next session, and Rev. Anthony Elmendorf his secondus.

The Rev Philip Phelps W. was appointed to deliver the address to the students, and Rev. J. A. Lansing his secondus.

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents request the General Synod to recommend to the different Classes not to hold their special sessions for the examination of the theological students for licensure during the same week in which the Board of Superintendents hold their

annual session.

Resolved that the Board of Superintendents recommend that subsequent sessions of this Board be prolonged until Thursday morning.

Resolved - That the Professors be authorized to relax the rule requiring from the students memoriter preaching, in such cases as they shall see fit, but when any students are allowed to have their MSS. before them, they shall be required to have the utmost familiarity with its contents, so as to secure a free, fluent, and unembarrassed delivery; but that there be also introduced, as may suit the convenience of the Professors, the habit of delivering unwritten sermons or lectures.

A bill was received from the Sexton of the 2nd Ref. Dutch Church of N. Brunswick for services in opening the church three, amounting to $4, which was ordered paid -

The door keepers bill amounting to $3 was presented & ordered paid.

Art 11

Resumption & Close

The Minutes were read and approved

Art 12

Adjournment

Adjourned with prayer by the President

Gabriel Ludlow Pres.
Saml. T. Searle Clk pro tem

P. Schenck Chg
Stated Clerk.

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Art 1

The Board of Superintendents met in the Dutch Theological Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday, May 19th at 11 o'clock A.M., and continued in session until Thursday 11 o'clock A.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. V. A. Marselus D.D. who in the absence of the last President was called to the chair.

Art 2

Members present

Classes			
New York 1st	Rev. V. A. Marselus D.D.	Cayuga 1st	Rev. H. Fisher D.D.
South "		Orange	" M. Tuttle Larson D.D.
N. Brunswick	" John De Witt	Yates	
Bergen	" P. D. Van Cleef	Watertown	
Paramus	" J. H. Van Derveer	Geneva	" [illegible]
North R.C.	" J. Elmendorf	Michigan	
South R.C.	" J. B. Miller	Holland	—
Poughkeepsie	" J. Vetheme	Kingston	" C. H. Pitt
Philadelphia	"		
Passaic	—		
Illinois	—		
Raritan	" A. C. Dispell		
Westchester	" Philip Phelps		
Monmouth	" J. C. Gillespaugh		
Wisconsin	—		
Albany	" [illegible]		
Ulster	" T. [illegible] Chapman		
Rensselaer	" [illegible]		
Washington	" J. J. Searle		
Montgomery	" C. S. Allard		
Schoharie	" Edwin Podder		
Schenectady	" Robert [illegible] Smith		

[illegible] Rev. A. Demarest D.D. to represent the [illegible] Synod, was mentioned, he having been a member of the Classis of Bergen, but the Board after considerable discussion resolved to consider him [illegible]

[illegible]

Election of Officers

Rev. R. McLaren D.D. was elected President, and John C. Lansing Clerk.

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The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were also read.

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Standing Committees

The following were appointed

I. On the reception of students into the Seminary
Rev. John De Witt
" A. Van Derveer
" P. D. Van Cleef
Charles H. Pfeiffer
" Philip Phelps
S. S. Van Rensselaer D.D.
W. H. Campbell D.D.
" John Ludlow D.D.

II On the Professorial Report
Rev. N. B. Gilliger
" N. H. Chapman
" C. S. Mead

III On the Synodical Report
Rev. C. E. Crispell
" R. Talmage
Edwin Vedder

IV. On synodical minutes
here N. J. Muskens
L. A. Zanding
V. V. Vlaar
Art. 6

Communications

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty, with reference to the committee on the Professors' report.

To
The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of North America.

The Theological Faculty beg leave respectfully to report.

In presenting our annual report we make our thankful acknowledgments to our covenant keeping God, who has watched over the affairs of the Seminary, and given us many cheering evidences of his presence and blessing. Divine sickness has on several occasions invaded our ranks, but God has been to us a hearer of prayer, and the sick have been spared. The sickness of Dr Lindsay has been to us all a subject of anxiety, but we are glad to be assured that his symptoms give promise of early restoration to health & a prolonged usefulness.

The following persons have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary during the past year.

Resident Graduate
Eugene Corwin

Senior Class

Henry E. Decker — Josiah Markle
John M. C. Holmes — Howard Suydam
James Le Fevre — H. O'Donnell

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Middle Class

Eng. S. Ingard	Dennis Kipatrick
Wm. Lott	J. W. A. Reidel
John C. Lowe	Jeremiah Searle
Joseph Mayou	Mason C. Strong
Geo. W. Peling	Robt. G. Strong
Jacob T. Reed	J. B. Thompson
Alvin Ostrom	Geo. F. Todd 14

Junior Class

Fred Chamberlain Jr.	John R. Leslie
Hasbrouck Du Bois	William E. Nott
Philip Furbeck	Charles R. Nott
Maurice G. Hanson	Henry Schribe
Josiah Jansen	William A. Shaw
A. H. Vinoulton	C. J. Van Derveer
James Kuysson	Edwin M. Weiss 14
	Total 35

Mr William E. Nott withdrew from the Seminary after a connection of four months. Doctrinal difficulties caused him to ask for a dismission. It was regretted by the Faculty that he should have withdrawn before he had received any instruction in Systematic Theology.

The attendance upon the exercises has been regular, and a commendable progress in their studies has been made by the members of the Seminary.

From the interest which the students take in Sabbath schools, prayer meetings, tract distribution, and other efforts, and also from the direct religious influence which they have exerted upon the students of the College, it is thought that the young men now in a course of training give more than ordinary promise of usefulness in the Christian ministry. What the student, the minister is likely to be. At least a diligent conscientious student, who is

much engaged about the interests of the Kingdom of Christ, gives promise of becoming a laborious and useful Minister; while the indolent person, who, like an eye servant, works only when he must, and also when a student is doing nothing to advance the Kingdom of the Redeemer affords little ground for the hope that he will ever be any thing better than an unprofitable servant.

A beginning has been made in procuring a library to be placed in the new Hall. The number of volumes already secured is five hundred. The principal donors are Mrs Ann Miller, widow of the late Rev John E. Miller, Frederick Schoh Esq. Brooklyn L. I., Henry Ouderkirk Esq. Jamaica L. I. Rev James M. H. Cornell, Samuel B. Schieffelin Esq. Minnie N. Zabriskie N.Y. Rev. Elbert S. Porter. Williamsburg L. I. Miss Elizabeth Bennett, New Brunswick N.J. M. M. Zabriskie Esq. Jersey City, Maurice E. Viele Esq Albany John G. Gebhard M.D. Hudson, N.Y.

The book cases for the library have been furnished by liberal donations as follows -

Samuel B. Schieffelin Esq	$150.
Jacob H. Van Eyck Esq Albany	100
Maurice E. Viele Esq	50
Rep. Prot. D. Church at Holindal N.Y.	9
Rep. Prot. D. Ch. at Readington N.J.	54.77
	$363.77

The experience of the past year has satisfied the Faculty that the erection of the Peter Hertzog Hall has been a wise and salutary measure, and it is confidently believed that its effect will be to augment the number and increase the efficiency of our ministers.

S. A. Van Vranken
Wm H. Campbell
Jesse Lansing

New Brunswick May 16 1857

A letter was received from Professor Ludlow informing the Board of his continued illness, and his inability to conduct the examination in his department, but expressing his hope of recovery, and of being permitted in due season to resume his duties. The communication was referred to a special committee consisting of Mr. H. Van Liewer, and Mr. J. Marselus & the Pres. who reported the following minute on the subject. (See Art. 8)

Communications were received from the Classes of Schoharie, New Brunswick, Passaic, South Classis of L.I., & Cayuga, recommending young men for aid in prosecuting their studies. (See Art. 4)

ART. I.

Examinations.

The following order of examination was adopted and carried out, being the same as that of last year, viz.

1. The Professor of Didactic Theology on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5½ P.M.
2. The Professor of Oriental Languages & Biblical Literature on Wednesday morning from 9 to 12½ A.M.
3. The Professor of Church History & on Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5½.

The Senior and Middle classes were examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrew, and Biblical Literature, the Middle Class also on the Epistle to the Romans; and the Junior Class on Hebrew and Jahn's Archaeology.

On account of the illness of Dr Ludlow & Dr Campbell was invited to conduct the examination in his department, but he felt himself obliged in view of other pressing duties, the Board resolved to examine the

Junior class only, on church history, church government & pastoral theology, was appointed to C. E. Fitzgerald and P. D. Van Cleef to examine such candidates.

The following young men were examined as applicants for licensure, and were recommended to the Board of Education. See Art 1

It was resolved that the examinations of the senior classes be sustained, and that the members of the senior class be recommended to the theological faculty for the usual Professional certificate.

Art. 8

Reports of Committees

The committee on the reception of students presented the following report which was accepted.

The committee of the Board of superintendents met in the chapel of the theological hall Sept. 23rd 1856. The following members were present, Revs. J. C. Messenger, J. J. Lansing, Anthony Ellmendorf, E. Ludlow D.D., P. D. Van Cleef, and the Professors John Ludlow D.D., J. J. Van Franken D.D. and W. J. Campbell D.D.

On motion Rev. J. C. Messenger was chosen chairman, and Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, secy.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Ellmendorf.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Education was received from the secretary of said Board:—

"Resolved, that if agreeable to the Board of Superintendents the Corresponding Secretary, be requested attend the examination of those applying to be put upon the funds."

Whereupon the Com. resolved that the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. A. B. Cornell, be invited to attend

with the com. the

The following young gentlemen applied for admission to the Theological Seminary —

Jos. A. Brewster	Beechville, Ohio.
H. G. Simson	Raleigh, N.C.
Isaac Dubois	Fishkill N.Y.
Philip Hurlbut	Schenectady N.Y.
Edward Weis	North Bergen N.J.
Geo. Schiele	
Rev. Chamberlain	Huron, Ohio
James Huyssoon	Buffalo N.Y.
John Leslie	Poughkeepsie "
C. E. Mudge	Warwick "
Josiah Swain	Napanoch "
William S. Shaw	New Berlin "
William C. Wm	West Sheet "

They were examined as required by the constitution, and their examination being satisfactory, they were on motion, unanimously received.

Mr Adam Weis from the Classis of Bergen was recommended to the Board of education for assistance in the maximum amount allowed to beneficiaries.

Mr Wm. Van Fleet of the Classis of New Brunswick was examined and recommended to the Board of education for aid from its funds.

Mr J. Duran Van Doren from the Classis of New Brunswick was examined and recommended to the Board of education to be placed on the Van Rensselaer fund.

Mr Jesse H. Collier from the Classis of Greene was examined and recommended to the Board of education for aid from the Van Rensselaer fund.

It was resolved that the Faculty of the Theological seminary, be authorised to admit any

further applicants that may present themselves for admission to the seminary; also to recommend applicants for aid, to the Board of Education.

Mr Leial, Mr. de appeared before the committee, & expressed his willingness to remain in the seminary another year, agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents provided he could receive aid from the funds of the church. Whereupon it was unanimously resolved.

That Mr Clarkie be recommended to the Board of Education for the usual appropriation for another year.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. Lansing

P.D. Vain Chairman of Clk J.C. Millspaugh Chm.

The committee on synodical minutes, reported the following report which was accepted.

The committee on synodical minutes is specifying report that they find nothing in the minutes of Synod requiring the action of this Board

[illegible] Chm.

[illegible] the report [illegible] report which was accepted.

[illegible] the following report [illegible] in the report

[illegible] students in attendance during the year has been 35. One, after a connection of two months with the seminary, withdrew. One is a graduate [illegible] will graduate at the close of the year. The number remaining will be [illegible]

the attendance of the students as regular, their progress in study as commendable, and the general training as giving more than ordinary promise of usefulness in the Christian ministry. The testimony from those who have the immediate oversight of and who are in daily intercourse with these young men, is truly gratifying to this Board.

They also report a good beginning in the collection of a library to be placed in the Theo. Hall; more than nine hundred volumes have been donated to the Seminary, mainly by gifts from individuals whose names by the professors, and who deserve to be held in lasting remembrance as the prime & liberal friends of the Theological Seminary and of the Church.

The Library has been furnished with book cases through the liberality of three individuals, viz. Mesrs Schieffelin of N.Y. City, and Van Zyck and Hale of Albany, and two churches in Ind. viz. the N. P. Churches of Belmont, and Newington, who together have contributed nearly one hundred Dollars for this purpose. These are entitled to the thanks of this Board. Your committee recommend that the Stated Clerk address to the donors of books and money as referred to above, letters expressive of the fulness of this Body for their abounding liberality towards this institution; and that he request the Librarian to have published in the Christian Intelligencer a list of those who have already, or who hereafter make presents of Books or Money to the Library.

The sickness of Dr Ludlow has been a subject of much anxiety with our returned Professors, and the Board share and do share that anxiety, and place also with them that there is a promise of his recovery to health, and

usefulness.

The Board feel that the Theological Seminary is enjoying a greater degree of prosperity than ever before, and humbly trusting in the great head of the Church who has so signally cared for this institution hitherto, we commit all its interests into his hands, believing that greater blessings are in store, and sure to follow the earnest efforts of those to whom its interests are entrusted.

Respectfully submitted

V. B. Ellinger
E. S. Ward
A. T. Chapman

The Committee on the Synodical report presented the following which was accepted & adopted, and directed to be sent to the General Synod &c.

The Board of superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Reformed Dutch Hall, in New Brunswick on Tuesday, May 19 1857, at 11 o'clock A.M. In the absence of the President Rev G. Ludlow D.D. the Rev A. I. Marselus D.D was called to the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present.

Rev. [illegible]

Some difference of opinion prevailed upon the question whether Rev. D. Polhemus D.D was a member of the Board. When a member of the Classis of Poughkeepsie he was appointed a member of this Board, since his appointment he has left the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and connected himself with the Classis of Bergen. The Board, after some discussion, decided that he was a member

who he accordingly took his seat. This decision is submitted to Synod for its consideration.

There were no overtures present from the following Classes, viz. South Classis of N. Y. Philadelphia, Passaic, Illinois, Wisconsin, Greene, Waterloo, Michigan, Holland and Orange.

The Rev. A. L. Laren D.D. was chosen President, and Rev. [illegible] Landing Clerk pro tem. The following extracts from the report of the Professors give us the number and names of the young men who have been in attendance during the year, and the testimony respecting their progress and general demeanor.

"The following persons have been in attendance upon the exercises of the seminary during the past year — (for names see report of the Faculty p. 247.)

"Mr William C. Shaw withdrew from the seminary after a connection of four months, doctrinal difficulties caused him to ask for a dismission. It was regretted by the Faculty that he should have withdrawn before he had received any instruction in systematic theology.

"From the interest which the students take in prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools, Tract distribution and other efforts, and also from the direct religious influence which they have exerted upon the students of the College, it is thought that the young men now in a course of training give more than ordinary promise of usefulness in the Christian ministry.

The senior class was examined in all the departments of study, as also on their personal piety, their views of entering the ministry, and manner of preaching. The middle and junior classes were examined in the departments of Oriental languages and Biblical Litera-

fure, and the Middle Class also in Dibacric Theology. Their examination in the department of ecclesiastical History and Church government was omitted in consequence of the illness of the Professor of this department. Upon the conclusion of the examinations it was "Ordered that the examinations of the several "classes be sustained, and that the members of "the Senior Class be recommended to the Theological Faculty for the usual Professional certificates."

The annual sermon before the Board was delivered by Rev A. Elmendorf in the evening of the first day of the session June 13 1854 and the address to the students by the Rev Philip Phelps on the evening of the second day. The following young men recommended by classes for aid to pursue their studies were, after an examination, recommended to the Board of Education for such aid

(for names see vol 4 Page 261)

The Board learn with deep regret of the illness of our Prof. of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government. The report of the Professors thus speaks of it. "The sickness of Dr Ludlow has been to us all a subject of much anxiety, but we are glad to be assured "that his symptoms give promise of recovery to "health, and a prolonged usefulness"

In a communication to the Board the Dr. says "Having enjoyed for many years "uninterrupted health it has pleased my Lord, "through sickness, to suspend my labors for a "little season in the Theological Hall. I have "however, every encouragement to look for "the restoration of my health and resume "in due season my official labors."

Upon the reception of his communication adopted the following minute; "That this Board sympathizes with the Professor in his sickness, and laments the loss of his valuable instruction to the students in the Theological Hall, but that they cannot withhold their gratitude to Him who gives us richly all things to enjoy, that his sickness has been only for a little season, after many years of uninterrupted health, and that he has every encouragement to look for the restoration of his health and the resumption of his official duties."

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church fulfil the expectations of his recovery, and spare him to us for long continued usefulness.

The terms of the following members will expire at the next meeting of Synod.

John S. Lansing	Oscar H. Gregory D.D.
T. J. Cornell	John S. Fraats
A. V. Smith	Gabriel Ludlow D.D.
C. V. Vedder	

Upon the subject of the Theological Hall and its Library the Professors in their report remark, "A beginning has made in procuring a Library to be placed in the new Hall. The number of volumes already exceeds five hundred. The principal donors are Mrs Sam Miller, widow of the late Rev John C. Miller, Frederick Dalell esq. Brooklyn L.I. Henry Underhill Jr Jamaica L.I. Rev J. H. Carnell, Samuel Whipple esq. Rev Francis Labaree N.Y. Rev Elbert S. Porter, Williamsburgh L.I. Mifflin Smith esq. Rev H. H. B. A. C. Labaree esq. N.Y. Maurice Vile esq. Albany. John G. Gibbon

M. D. Hudson N. Y. The book cases for the Library have been furnished by liberal donations as follows,

Samuel B. Schieffelin Esq.	N. Y.	150.00
Jacob H. Van Eyck Esq.	Albany	100.00
Maurice E. Fiske	"	50.00
Rev. D. Ch. Wolendel	N. J.	9.00
" Rockington	"	34.77
		$363.77

The Rev. J. B. Ellinger, on behalf of Rev Wm. Johnson D.D. of Jamaica L.I. presented to the Board two Mss. volumes of autographic sermons and analyses of the Rev Dr Livingston, which were accepted, and the following was adopted –

"Resolved that the thanks of this Board be "presented to the Rev Wm. Johnson for his valu-"able donation, and that the volumes be ac-"cepted and placed in the Library of the Hertzog "Theological Hall".

The experience of the past year has satisfied the Faculty that the erection of the Peter Hertzog Hall, has been a wise and salutary measure, and it is confidently believed that its effects will be to augment the number, and increase the efficiency of our ministers.

The Board have instructed the Stated Clerk to address to the donors of books and money as referred to above letters expressive of the feelings of this body for the abounding liberality towards this institution, and that he request the Librarian to have published in the Christian Intelligencer a list of those who have already, or who may hereafter, make presents of books or money to the Library. The Board have also authorized the Faculty to appoint a Librarian, fix his salary, and report to the Board. We cannot conclude our

report without expressing our gratitude to God for having been permitted to see our Hall with its commodious arrangements completed, with such prospects of usefulness.

Respectfully submitted
C. E. Crispell Ch.

The special committee on the communication of Professor Ludlow presented the following report which was accepted.

"The Committee to whom was committed the communication presented to this Board by Rev Dr Ludlow, Professor of Pastoral theology, and Ecclesiastical History & Government, report—

That this Board sympathize with the Professor in his sickness, and lament the loss of his valuable instructions to the students in the Theological Hall; but that they cannot withhold their gratitude to Him who gives us richly all things to enjoy that his sickness has been only for a little season, after many years of uninterrupted health, and that he has every encouragement to look for the restoration of his health, and the resumption of his official duties.

The Professor informs the Board that he will not be able to examine the classes on his department of studies, which suggests the propriety of presenting the following resolution.

Resolved. That Professor Campbell be requested to examine the Senior class on Ecclesiastical History & Government."

Ferd. W. Van Cleve ch.

Art. 9.

Applications for beneficiary aid

The following persons presented themselves with classical recommendations as applicants for aid from the educational funds of the church in India & Bogardus from the Classes of Schoharie

Henry H. Jones
William Beardslee
Nathaniel Wilson
John Cousin
} from the Classis of New Brunswick

Jos. M. Dommis
Henry D. Hutchinson
} Classis of Paramus

Jos. Scholes
Bergen

Norton Van Pelt
Cornelius M. Geyer
} South Classis of Long Island

Thus young men were all examined, and recommended to the Board of Education. Mr Norton Van Pelt, by request of the Classis was recommended to the Van Berg Scholarship Fund.

It was resolved that the State Clerk give these young men an order on the Treasurer of the Board of Education for the payment of their expenses.

Art. 10

Ordination

H. Cornwall Mason was ordained on the evening of the first day of the session in the R. D. Church, by Rev. Abraham Lansing from Matt. 13: 31, 32.

The address to the church was delivered on the morning of the second day in the Chapel, by Prof. Hall, by Rev. Philip Phillips.

Rev. J. Elliger was appointed.

the ensuing year at the next session, and the following has seconded.

Mr. J. T. Chapman was appointed to deliver the address to the students, and Mr. Charles H. Hitt his secondus.

A copy of the Daguerreotype likeness of all the members in the senior class in one frame was presented by the Class to the Board of Superintendents, which was accepted, and the following resolution was adopted, viz.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Board be tendered to the members of the senior class of the theological seminary for a neat frame copy of their Daguerreotypes presented to the Board, and that it be preserved in the library of the theological Hall.

The Rev. J. D. Liliger, on behalf of the Wm. L. Johnson Esq. of Rumanen L. V. presented to the board two manuscript volumes of autograph sermons and analyses of his Orlingation, which were accepted, and the following resolution was adopted, viz.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Board be presented to the Rev. Wm. L. Johnson D.D. for his valuable donation, and that the volumes be accepted and preserved in the Library of Western Theological Hall.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that the Professors are hereby invited to give us in their annual

report a more full account of the preaching of the Students, as such preaching relates to the action of Synod had June 1854. See min. vol. 8. pp 395 and 471.

Resolved that the salary of the State Clerk of this Board be increased to twenty five Dollars ($25.), dating from the beginning of the present year.

Resolved that it be referred to the theological Faculty to appoint a Librarian & fix his salary, and report to this Board.

Resolved that a warrant be drawn and certified by the State Clerk for the payment of the incidental expenses of the Board.

Art. 11
Resumption and Close

The minutes were read and approved

Art. 12
Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President.

A. N. McLaren Pres.t

Jas. M. Lansing Clk pro tem

P. D. Vinn Chief
State Clerk

1858

Art. 1 The Board of Superintendents met in Hartsog Theological Hall, New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 18th 1858 at 11 o'clock A. M. and continued in session until

The session was opened with prayer by the President, M. V. McLaren D.D.

Art 2

Members present

Rev. H. M. Rip D.D.	Classis of	Poughkeepsie
" P. D. Van Cleef	"	Bergen
" J. B. Romeyn	"	Philadelphia
" J. C. Hillspaugh	"	Monmouth
" Jacob Van Vechten D.D.	"	Albany
" N. F. Chapman	"	Ulster
" J. C. Salmon	"	Rensselaer
" A. H. Van Vranken	"	Montgomery
" Edwin Holder	"	Schenectady
" Lutius Peelye	"	Schenectady
M. V. McLaren D.D.	"	Orange
" John Minor	"	Greene
" H. A. Van Arsdale	"	Geneva
" B. B. Aliger	"	Long Island North
" J. H. Van Dervoer	"	Paramus
" Philip Phelps Jr.		Westchester
" George H. Fisher D.D.	"	Cayuga

Art. 3

Election of Officers

Jacob Van Vechten D.D. was elected President, and S. R. Wilmage Clerk.

Art. 4

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were also read.

Art. 5.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed

1. On the reception of Students
   S. B. How D.D.
   J. B. Romeyn
   N. V. Marselus D.D.
   N. F. Chapman
   J. A. Van Vranken D.D.
   W. H. Campbell D.D.
   V. M. Woodbridge D.D.

2. On Professional Report
   J. R. Van Arsdale
   Julius Seelye
   N. F. Chapman

3. On Synodical Report
   M. N. McKaren
   John Minor
   Edwin Vedder

4. On Synodical Minutes
   W. M. Nes D.D.
   N. F. Chapman
   A. H. Van Vranken

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Art. 6.

Communications

The following communication from the Theological Faculty was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorial Report.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Dutch Church of North America:

The Theological Faculty beg leave to report:

The following persons have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution.

Senior Class

Wm. S. Enya	Alex. McKelvy
John N. Lott	Jacob G. Vosf
John E. Lowe	Alvin Ostrom
Joseph Mayou	Daniel Rapplye
F. W. A. Riedel	Robert G. Strong
Jeremiah Searle Jr	J. B. Thompson
Mason G. Strong	Aug. F. Todd

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Middle Class

Jacob Chamberlain Jr	Henry Ray Lott M.D.
Hasbrouck Dubois	Charles D. Mott
Philip Durbeck	Henry Schiebe
Maurice G. Hansen	Wm. A. Shaw
Thomas Simpson	C. J. Van Derveer
Josiah Tanzen	Edward M. Weiss
A. W. Knowlton	

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Junior Class

Jacob Cram	Edward Miller
[illegible] Fitzpatrick	George H. Peck
Daniel Collier	Robert G. Proudfit
Wm. G. [illegible]	Lester C. Rogers

Albert T. Gulick — Christian Schomp
W. H. Jones — John Scudder
Leonard W. Rip Jr — Thomas A. Talmage
Frederick Loeber — John E. Watkins
Dennis Wortman Jr

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Total 44

Messrs Loeber and Schoenfeldt were since withdrawn from the institution, the latter on account of ill health, but the reason of Mr Loeber's withdrawal is not known by the Faculty.

Mr John R. Leslie who finished his Senior year last May has not been in attendance during any part of the present year.

Mr. Mason F. Strong of the Senior class has been absent from the Seminary, since the first of January on account of serious sickness. If his health will permit he will return next September and prosecute his studies with the Senior Class.

Mr Thomas A. Talmage, of the Junior class has been absent for the past month having been very ill with inflamatory rheumatism. As he will not be able to attend this examination, the Faculty recommend that he may be excused for his absence, and be allowed to proceed with his class upon the opening of the new term.

Dr W. R. Lord, who was admitted to the Seminary by your committee, Sept 22nd 1857, has during the year pursued the studies of the Middle Class.

It is proper to add a little further that

Messrs Frederick Luther and Robert R. Pound-field were received by the Faculty after the adjournment of the committee of examination.

The students have been regular in their attendance on the exercises of the Seminary, & it is hoped that the examination will show that they have made a commendable progress. It is with great satisfaction that the Faculty inform the Board of the interest with the students have taken in the great awakening. It is believed that a large measure of the spirit of prayer has been in the Seminary, & that the students have been made the instruments of the Holy Spirit in bringing a blessing to the souls of sinners. There is also an earnest inquiry among them as to the field where God would have them labor, and the claims of the heathen are deeply felt by many. Four of the Senior Class have already consecrated themselves to this work, and it is hoped that a zeal for missions has now been kindled in this institution which shall never be quenched. The Faculty feel it their duty to pray and labor for the increase of this flame, and that this Seminary may become the missionary beacon of the Church of Christ.

The Faculty would respectfully ask the Board to initiate measures by which the claims of the ministry may be more earnestly pressed upon our pious youth. Many young men of warm piety and excellent abilities have been raised in our churches. Ought they not to give themselves to the Lord in the work of the ministry? This subject will not be pressed in vain. If so many of our young men [illegible]

to preach the Gospel to the Heathen we may confidently expect that their example will stir up others to follow them, and that God will open still wider the door of entrance to the pagan world as he sees we have a heart to enter in. We shall need then more men, sisters both for the Foreign & home fields. Let it be also remembered that if our youth consecrate themselves to this work it will be necessary to provide more abundant means to educate the increased number.

The Faculty would mention in this connection that the Board of Education either thinks of resolving, or have already resolved to undertake the support of no more candidates unless the church feels and shows a deeper interest in the work by furnishing the necessary funds. This resolution is certainly proper for the Board ought to assume no obligations that they cannot meet. But they who now address you feel that if the Faculty of the Seminary, the Board of Superintendents do their duty, no suitable young man will ever knock in vain at the door of our church asking to be aided in his efforts to become a preacher of the Everlasting Gospel.

New Brunswick
May 15th 1858

R. V. Van Nauken
Wm W. Campbell
S. M. Woodbridge

The following letter was received from the Board of Education and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

New York Dec. 23th 1857

Rev. V. D. Van Cleef, Clerk of Board of Superintendents &c

Dear Sir

I have been directed by the

Board of Education of the Reformed P. Dutch Church which met on the 21st inst. to transmit to you as Clerk of the Board of superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Dutch Church, the following abstract from the minutes.

"Whereas General Synod in the Session of June last adopted a plan for the better connecting of the whole Educational system of the Church, and when adopting the plan did repeal all previous action of said Synod, which conflicts with it, and have thus thrown the duty of examination upon this Board alone, therefore

Resolved, that hereafter all applicants for aid from the Board of Education must appear before the Executive Committee of the Board of Education, for examination prior to their recognition as beneficiaries of said Board.

Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the foregoing preamble & resolutions to the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary."

A true Copy from the minutes of the Board of Education } James A. H. Cornell Sec'y. of Bd. of Ed.

A communication was received from the Classis of Montgomery recommending Francis Van Vranken for aid from the Board of Education.

Art. 7.

Examinations

The following arrangements were made for the examination of students.

1. The Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theo-

logy on Tuesday from 3 to 5½ P.M.
2. The Prof. of Oriental Languages & Biblical Literature on Wednesday from 9 to 12½ A.M.
3. The Prof. of Ecclesiastical History on Wednesday from 3 to 5 P.M.
4. Chancellor Franklin to examine the Senior Class in Church Government from 5 to 5½ PM on Wednesday.
5. Specimens of Sermonizing by the Senior Class on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

The Senior Class was examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrew Language & Literature, Church Government and Pastoral Theology.

The Middle class was examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrews, the Epistle to the Hebrews, and Church History.

The Junior Class was examined on Hebrew, Sacred Geography & Biblical Literature & Scripture History.

James Norman of the Senior Class was excused from attending the examinations that he might be present at the funeral of a relative.

On motion it was resolved that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that all the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professional certificates

Art 8

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the Synodical report made the following report which was ac-

copied, accepted and ordered to be sent to the General Synod.

The Committee on the Synodical Report beg leave to report as follows.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Bertheg Theological Hall, on Tuesday May 18th 1858 at 11 o'clock A.M.

The President, Rev. Dr. Van Laren, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present.

(See Art 2)

The following Classes were not represented.

Ulster	Northern N.Y.
South Bergen	Michigan
New Brunswick	Illinois
South Long Island	Holland
Passaic	Wisconsin
Orange	Iowa
Washington	Kingston

The board was organized by the election of Rev. Jacob Van Vechten D.D. as President and Rev. J. R. Talmage as Clerk pro. tem.

The report of the Theological Faculty was laid before the Board, from which it appears that the following young gentlemen have been in attendance upon the Exercises of the Seminary during the past year, viz.

(See Art 6)

The report informs us that Jacob Cocks and Christian Schoenfeldt, have withdrawn from the institution, the latter on account of ill health, the former for reasons not known. John R. Leslie, who completed his junior year last May, was not been in at-

[illegible] during any part of the year. Alan K. Strong of the present Senior Class, has been absent from the Seminary since the first of January, on account of serious sickness. If his health will permit he will return next September, and prosecute his studies with the Senior Class. Thomas J. Talmage of the Senior Class, having [illegible] for the month past, and not being able to attend the examination the professors recommend that his absence be excused, and he be allowed to proceed with his Class at the opening of the next term. The above recommendation was complied with.

This Board rejoice to learn from the Professors, so favorable an account of the studious habits, and Christian deportment of the young gentlemen under their care, also that the claims of the heathen are engaging the attention of so many of them, and that four of the Senior Class have already resolved that with the permission of the great Head of the Church they will preach the gospel in heathen lands.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached by Rev J. B. Dillinger from Isaiah 3:30, and the address to the students was delivered by Rev A. T. Chapman.

The students of the several Classes were examined in the various studies pursued in the Seminary. The Senior Class was examined also on the subject of pastoral duties and their motives in desiring to enter the ministry. They also gave specimens of sermons, as to composition, analysis & delivery. All the students passed through their examinations

very much to the gratification of the Board. The entire Senior Class were recommended to the Faculty for the usual certificates.

The seats of the following members will become vacant at the next meeting of General Synod.

Rev P. D. Van Cleef — Rev. Edwin Vedder
" J. J. Searle — " A. C. Millspaugh
" C. E. Dispell — " J. R. Van Arsdale
Anthony Ellmendorf — " Philip Phelps Jr
" N. N. McLaren D.D.

The Board of Superintendents would do great violence to their own feelings, and, they are confident, to the feelings of the General Synod also, were they to close this report without at least a brief allusion to the sad providence which has visited this seminary since our last meeting. Death has removed from his sphere of usefulness on earth to his rest, and his triumph in the better world, one whom we all loved. Rising the genial spirit, the strong intellect, the ripe scholarship, the rich and varied mental furniture, and, above all, the sweet Christian spirit and godly zeal of our late Professor the Rev John Knox D.D. and Consciousness, many of us, experience even now, as we have through years of toil, the benefits of that paternal attention and care, which, with so much solicitude and kindness, he was accustomed to bestow upon the students here. We feel that we as individuals, that this School of the Prophets, and the Church at large have sustained a sore bereavement. While we do so with submission to the will of Him

upon sight it is to be his own to manage, whenever it seemeth him good, we would not forget the members of that circle most deeply affected by this trying dispensation. With the respect which sorrowing virtue always inspires, we assure them of our tenderest sympathies, and of our prayers on their behalf to Him who is the Father of the fatherless, and the judge of the widow, in his holy habitation.

It will not be considered improper in this connection, to speak of the goodness of the King and head of the church, in so soon and so appropriately placing another in the chair made vacant by the removal of the venerable man whose death we deplore. From our personal acquaintance with the young Professor, and in view of this his first appearance before us at the head of his department, and from the evidence the young gentleman gave of being under able and thorough training, we are confident the churches will have every year increasing reason to feel that the General Synod was wisely and kindly guided in placing Dr Woodbridge in his present position.

All which is respectfully submitted

N. H. McLaren

Chm.

The committee on synodical minutes, reported that they have carefully examined the minutes of General synod of June & October 1857, and find nothing therein claiming the attention of the Board.

Frances A. Kip Clerk

This report was accepted.

See Min. Gen. Syn. p. 214 1857 for answers to questions of the Board p. 256. and Min. Gen. Syn. this year [illegible] Colleges has right to appoint Professors in the Board.

The Committee on the professorial report respectfully present -

That this report exhibits a satisfying condition of things in the Theological seminary. The whole number of students who have been in attendance is 44, of whom 14 were in the senior class, 13 in the middle class, and 17 in the junior class. One of the seniors Mr Mason T. Stong, has been absent since the 1st of January on account of serious illness. If his health will permit (the professors state) he will return next September and prosecute his studies with the next senior class.

They report Mr Thomas A. Talmage of the senior class has been absent on account of illness for the past month, and will not be able to attend this examination; they recommend he be allowed to proceed with his class upon the opening of the new term. The Committee recommend Mr Talmage be allowed to proceed with his class.

They report also that three have withdrawn from the seminary, Mr J. R. Leslie, who has not been in attendance any part of the year, (reasons not stated) Mr John Schoenfeldt of the junior class, the latter on account of ill health, the former for reasons not known to the faculty. Mr Frederick Lacher, & Mr A. K. Poindexter were received by the Faculty after the adjournment of the Committee of Examinations. The Committee recommend the action of the Faculty be approved.

They report with great satisfaction the punctuality of the students in attending the lectures, their diligence in study, and the interest they have taken in the present great

an awakening, and the zeal which has been kindled among them for missions, four of the Senior Class having consecrated themselves to this work, this cannot but be highly gratifying to this Board.

The Faculty respectfully ask the Board to initiate measures by which the claims of the Ministry may be more earnestly pressed upon our pious youth, and a deeper interest felt and shown by the church in furnishing the necessary funds for their education. The committee recommend that this part of the report, which they deem very important, be referred to the serious consideration of General Synod.

J. K. Van Arsdale
Julius Dielye } Com.
J. K. Talmage

Report of Committee on reception of Students.

The Committee on the reception of students into the Theological Seminary met in the Chapel of Peter Bertog Theological Hall, on Tuesday Sept. 22d 1857, at 10 o'clock. The following members were present, J. H. Vanderveer, Charles D. Stitt, P. D. Van Cleef, and the Professors, J. A. Van Vranken D.D, and W. H. Campbell D.D. On motion J. H. Vanderveer was appointed chairman, and P. D. Van Cleef Clerk. The meeting was opened with prayer by the chairman. The Rev. A. H. Cornell, Cor. Secretary of the Board of Education was present.

The following young gentlemen presented themselves for admission into the Seminary. Their testimonials, viz. the literary testimonials of Mr Schoenfeld

being found satisfactory, they were examined, [illegible] the Constitution, and unanimously received.

viz.

Jacob Buay	Edward Miller
James H. Gallagh	George H. Peck
Isaac Collier	Lester C. Rogers
Wm. N. Dwyer	Christian Schwenfeldt
Albert T. Gulick	John Scudder
Henry W. F. Jones	Thomas Adriance Talmage
Leonard W. Kip Jr	John C. Watkins
Henry Clay Lott M.D.	Denis Wortman Jr.

Christian Schwenfeldt was admitted on condition that the General Synod shall grant him a dispensation from the required literary testimonials.

Jacob Buay, from the Classis of Wisconsin, was recommended to the Board of Education, for aid.

Christian Schwenfeldt, of the Classis of Bergen, was recommended to the Board of Education.

Cornelius Vermilye, with testimonials from the Classis of Bergen, a member of the Sophomore Class in Rutgers College, was admitted to an examination, and recommended for aid from the funds.

It was resolved that the Faculty of the Seminary be authorized to admit any further applicants, and also to recommend such as may apply for aid from the Educational funds of the Church.

On motion the Committee adjourned with prayer by Charles A. Stiff.

A. Kanffley Clk. J. H. Vanderveer Chm

[illegible] adopted.

Art 1.

Applications for beneficiary aid

Mr Francis Van Vranken, from the Classis of Montgomery presented himself for examination as an applicant for beneficiary aid. A question having arisen as to the authority of this Board to examine such applicants under the new plan in conducting of the Educational interests of the church, it was resolved, that Mr Van Vranken be referred with his papers to the Board of Education.

Art 10

Farmer's

It was resolved that the sessions of the Board in the morning begin at 8 o'clock, and close at 12½, and in the afternoon, begin at 2½ and close at 6 o'clock.

A committee was appointed to inform the Faculty of the arrangements for the examination of the students.

The annual sermon was preached on the evening of the first day of the session in the 2nd R. D. Church, by the Rev. J. D. Gillespie from John 3: 36.

The address to the students was delivered on the evening of the second day of the session in the chapel by Rev. V. D. Chapman.

Rev Theodore B. Romeyn was appointed to preach the sermon at the next session and Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage to be his secundus.

Rev. Mr. Kelye was appointed to deliver the address to the students, and the Rev. Hill Riddle his secundus.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted, and directed to be sent to the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

Whereas doubts are entertained as to the duty of the Board of Superintendents in reference to examining applicants for aid from the Board of Education,

Resolved, that General Synod be requested to inform this Board, whether in adopting the new plan of 1857 for the better conducting of the educational interests of the church, it was the intention of Synod to repeal all that part of the plan of 1851 which imposed upon made it the duty of the Board of Superintendents to examine all applicants for beneficiary aid.

The following minute in reference to the death of Dr Ludlow, and the introduction into the professorship of Dr Goodbridge was adopted and ordered to be incorporated into the Synodical report, and that so much as relates to Professor Ludlow be transmitted to his family.
(See Synod. report Vol 8. p. 274)

Resolved, that a warrant be drawn upon the Treasurer of General Synod, and attested by the Stated Clerk, for the payment of the incidental expenses of the Board.

Oct 11

Description in class

The minutes were read and approved

Oct 12

Adjournment

The society adjourned with prayer by Br. [illegible] returning.

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Minutes
[illegible]

[illegible] L. Talmage
[illegible]

1854

Art. I

Superintendents met in the Chapel of the Theological Hall on Tuesday May 9th 1854, & continued in session until Thursday morning at 11½ O'clock.

The session was opened with prayer by the President Jacob Van Vechten D.D.

Art. II

Members Elected

Hudson & York	
South Am York	
New Brunswick	Samuel D. How D.D.
Bergen	David D. Cuddeback D.D.
Newark	J. H. Van Derveer
South Long Island	
North Long Island	A. B. Aliger
Poughkeepsie	Francis M. Kip D.D.
Philadelphia	Theodore B. Romeyn
Passaic	Abm. V. Ryerson
Hudson	John H. Pitcher
Westchester	Victor M. Hulbert
Monmouth	Ralph Willis
Albany	Jacob V. Vechten D.D.
Ulster	Nathan J. Chapman
Cayuga	James L. Talmage
Montgomery	A. H. Freeman
Schoharie	Wm. G. E. Vice
Schenectady	Julius H. Seelye
Cayuga	George A. Fisher D.D.
Orange	M. V. Schoonmaker
Greene	John Milner
Kingston	Charles H. Stitt
Saratoga	Oscar H. Gregory D.D.
Geneva	John L. Lee
Michigan	
Illinois	

Hilland
Wisconsin
Synod -

Art III

Election of Officers

Ferdinand H. Van Dervoer was elected president, and Rev. F. Chapman Clerk.

Art IV

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Rules were read.

Art V

Standing Committees

The following were appointed

1. On Reception of Students

Samuel J. How D.D.
Abm. J. Ingersoll
Ralph Willis
Theodore B. Lerungen
R. Gilman Francken D.D.
W. H. Campbell D.D.
S. M. Woodbridge D.D.

2. On Professorial Report

H. M. Kipp D.D.
F. M. Hulbert
[illegible]

3. On Synodical Report

Jacob Van Vechten D.D.
John C. [illegible]
[illegible]

4. On Synodical Minutes

David H. Wilder D.D.
Wm. J. E. [illegible]
A. H. Van Franken

Art. VI.

Commencement

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty and referred to the committee on the Annual Report.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary

The Faculty in making their annual report, desire to record their gratitude to God for His gracious care over the institution during the past year. A larger number of students has been in attendance upon the lectures than at any previous time in the history of the seminary. No serious sickness has invaded their ranks. Their punctuality in the lecture room and diligence in study have in general been commendable, and we doubt not the examinations will show corresponding progress. Although we cannot report the same marked evidences of the special presence of the Spirit of God as existed a year since, yet numerous manifestations of zeal among the students have not been wanting. They have been engaged in Sabbath schools, and in tract distribution. The union prayer meeting of the Seminary and College, and other prayer meetings have been well sustained by them.

From the fact that but a single member of the present senior class has offered himself as a missionary for the foreign field, it might be inferred that the spirit of missions does not prevail to so great an extent in the institution as in former years; but it should be borne in mind that three of our students have just sailed for India and China, and we have proofs that the two lower classes

will send out a fair proportion to the heathen world. The meetings of the Society of Inquiry are attended by nearly all the students, and many indications show that questions concerning, not in respect to Missions both Domestic & Foreign, are agitated and earnestly considered.

The observation of the past year has conspired with that of former ones to prove the excellent effects of bringing together in a single building students preparing for the ministry, and each year adds to the conviction that a kind Providence led to the Erection of this Hall.

As we have met with frequent difficulties and delays in the collection of the Hall dues, while no provision is made for the Beneficiaries by the Board of Education, we recommend the adoption by the Board of Superintendents of a resolution making payment of these dues a prerequisite to obtaining the Professorial certificate.

Additions from abroad have been made to the Library during the year, although not to such an extent as we would desire. Among other donations a box has been received from the consistory of the Dutch Church of New York, containing more than 60 volumes, and another containing about 100 volumes from the library of the late Dr. Knox, presented by his sons. In accordance with an arrangement made a few weeks since by committees of General Synod and of the trustees of Rutgers College more than 2000 books have been removed from the College Library to this Hall. We have now in our Library upwards of 4000 vols. Still it is altogether inadequate to the wants of the institution.

The [illegible] list of the Students

1859

Senior Class

J. Chamberlain Jr	Henry Ray Lott
Hasbrouck Dubois	Charles E. Nott
Philip Finkeck	M. J. Riddle
Maurice V. Hanson	Wm A. Shaw
James Haysoon	C. G. Vanderveer
Josiah Jansen	Edward M. Weiss
A. W. Knowlton	Henry Schribe

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Middle Class

Neil Bay	Edwin Miller
Jas. H. Ballagh	George H. Peek
Philip Berry	Robert R. Prendergast
Isaac Collier	J. K. Rogers
W. E. Dwyer	John Snedden
A. V. Gulick	Geo. A. Talmage
H. W. F. Jones	John E. Watkins
Leonard W. Kip Jr.	Dennis Wortman Jr.

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Junior Class

J. Romeyn Beck	Alex. Broadfoot
Aug. Bunnell	R. M. Hawbrough
F. B. Bonney	M. Quick
Henry Sr. Betts	A. Thompson
John B. Drew	V. Vandermoulen
C. B. Durand	C. Vanderveer
Isaac L. Kip	F. M. Van Pranken
J. D. Krum	Henry Schulage Jr
Wm H. Miller	Thos. G. Watson
R. Peters	P. L. Wilson

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William C. Marts

Whole number 51

We are called to lament the death of Henry Schribe of the Senior Class, who perished in the Austrian, while on his way to this country to complete his studies. It is pleasant to be able to record upon the testimony of an eye witness that, amid the fearful scene connected with his death, he displayed a Christian serenity, and among his

last acts were his exhortations to the despairing around him to trust in Jesus Christ.

Mr Riddle entered the Senior Class by dispensation from General Synod.

Mr Chamberlain was absent, by leave of Synod, about four months during the session, attending a course of medical lectures in New York, as he is expecting to go on a mission to India.

Robert R. Boyd it was absent during the whole of the first session, and part of the second, attending a course of ~~lectures~~ lectures. Since about the 23rd of January his attendance here has been regular, and his progress in his studies satisfactory.

W. R. Dwyer has been absent in Europe during the year on account of ill health. We expect to pursue his studies with the middle class of next year.

Mr Butts of the senior class is a preacher in the Methodist church, but received permission from the Committee on the reception of students to attend upon the lectures.

Mr Watson asked permission of the Faculty to leave on the 1st of May that he might take an agency of the Sunday School Union by which he hopes to raise himself above the necessity of asking aid from the funds of the church, during his third year, and stating that the Union made it a condition that the service should be entered upon by May 1st. The Faculty resolved that, in view of the commendable object proposed by Mr Watson, his request be granted subject to the action of the Board of Superintendents.

In concluding our report we have only to say that facts warrant us in expecting an addition of numbers the coming year, which

will more than compensate the absence of the graduating class; but has we no information we have faith to believe that our covenant God will not forsake us, and that the prayers of the pious Livingston and his successors will be answered in richer blessings upon this school of the Prophets from generation to generation.

S. D. Van Vranken
Wm H. Campbell
J. M. Theebridge

New Brunswick, May 17th 1859

Art VII
Examinations

The following arrangements were made for the examination of the students by the Professors.

1. The Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology, on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5½

2. The Professor of Oriental Languages and Biblical Literature on Wednesday from 9 to 12½ A. M.

3. The Professor of Ecclesiastical History to on Wednesday from 3 to 5½ P. M.

Specimens of sermonising on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.
Examination on personal piety on Wednesday Evening, at 7 o'clock.

The Senior class was examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrew language and literature, Church History, Church government, Pastoral Theology & sermonising, & personal piety.

The Middle class was examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrew, the Epistle to the Romans, & Church History

The Junior Class was examined on Hebrew & Biblical History.

Mr R. M. Hutchinson having been called away by the death of a relative was excused.

The question enjoined by General Synod as to Students preaching was put to the members of each class and answered as follows.
To the question, Have you observed the rule of Gen. Synod? all the members of the Junior Class answered Yes. – To the same question all the members of the Middle Class answered Yes, except Philip Berry, A. F. Gulick, Geo. H. Peck, & W. H. Lows – who had transgressed. –
To the question, When you have preached out of the seminary have you had the consent of one of the Faculty as to the time the place & the sermon? – the following answers were given –
J. Chamberlain Yes – H. Dubois, No. P. Furbeck, No – M. J. Hanson, No. J. Hutchinson Yes, J. Imsen, Yes, A. N. Knowlton, is licensed not ordained, R. R. Lott, No. C. D. Mott, No. M. B. Riddle, Yes Wm. S. Shaw, No. C. F. Underwood, No. E. N. Weiss, has preached in the Presbyterian, not in the Dutch Church –

In view of these answers it was resolved, that although some of the students of the Junior Class have not complied with the resolution of Synod in all its specifications it is proper for this Board to inform the Synod that these young brethren have not preached without the permission of one of the Faculty, and generally as to the time, the place, & the sermon.

On motion it was Resolved, that the examina-

tion of all the classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professional certificates.

The following preamble and resolution were also adopted. Whereas the power of dispensation from any part of the studies of the Seminary is not vested in this Board, P. Proudfit

Resolved, that as Mr Robert has omitted the studies of nearly half of the past year, the Board do not permit him to enter upon the next year of study without direction from General Synod.

Art VIII.

Reports of Committees

The committee on the Synodical report presented the following which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be sent to General Synod —

The Committee appointed to prepare a report to the General Synod beg leave to present the following draft.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the Peter Hertzog Hall on Tuesday, May 17 1859 at 11 o'clock A.M. and continued their session till Thursday May 19th. The meeting was opened with prayer by the President. The following members were present —

(See Art. II.)

The following seats become vacant in the Board at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Thos R. Varselus D.D.	Classis of New York
A. H. Vanderveer	Paramus
J. B. Alliger	L. I. Long Island
N. H. Chapman	Ulster
[illegible] Gilmore	Rensselaer
Geo. H. Fisher D.D.	Cayuga
J. Minor	Greene

The following Classes have no representation.
South New York, Michigan & Wisconsin.

The Report of the Theological Faculty was laid before the Board, from which it appears that the following students have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the past year, viz.—

(SEE Professor's Report Art VI.)

From the same source we learn the death of Henry Shiebe, of the Senior Class, who perished in the [illegible] on his way to this country, to complete his studies at the Seminary. Eye witnesses testify that amidst the fearful scenes connected with his death, he displayed a Christian serenity, and among his last acts were his exhortations to the despairing around him to trust in Jesus Christ.

Mr M. B. Riddle entered the Senior class by dispensation from General Synod.

Mr J. Chamberlaine was absent by leave of Synod about four months, attending a course of Medical lectures in New York as he is expecting to go on a Mission to India.

Robert R. Proudfit was absent during the whole of the first session, and part of the second, attending a course of law lectures. Since about the 23d of January his attendance has been regular, and his progress in study satisfactory.

N. W. Dwyee has been absent in Europe during the year on account of ill health. He expects to pursue his studies with the Senior class of next year.

Mr Butts of the Junior class is a preacher in the Methodist Church, but received

permission from the committee on reception of students to attend upon the lectures.

Mr Watson asked and obtained permission to leave on the first of May that he might take an agency of the Sunday School Union by which he hoped to raise himself above the necessity of asking aid from the funds of the church.

The Faculty feel warranted to expect an increase in the number of students beyond that of the preceding class.

A sermon on 2 Kings 2:15 was preached in the M. E. Church on the evening of the first day of the session by the Rev Theo. B Romeyn.

An address was delivered at the close of the examination by the Rev. Julius H. Seelye.

All the classes were examined on their respective studies, and afforded entire satisfaction to the Board. The senior class were also examined respecting their personal experience of religion, and their views in wishing to enter the sacred ministry.

The Board congratulate the Synod on the general prosperity of the institution, and on the fact that the number of the students is greater than ever before. The Faculty also report that there has been great punctuality in attendance on the lectures, and very commendable diligence in study.

The Board have received with special interest the following statement from the Professors: "Although we cannot report the same marked evidences of the special presence of the Spirit of God as existed a year since, yet numerous manifestations of zeal among the students have not been wanting. They have been engaged in Sabbath Schools and in tract distribution. The Union prayer meeting of the Sem-

mary and College, and other prayer meetings have been well sustained by them. From the fact that but a single member of the Senior Class has offered himself as a missionary for the foreign field it might be inferred that the spirit of missions does not prevail to as great extent as in former years; but it should be borne in mind that three of our students have just sailed for India and China, and we have proof that the two lower classes will send out a fair proportion to the heathen world. The meetings of the Society of Inquiry are attended by nearly all the students, and many indications show that questions concerning duty, in respect to Missions both Domestic & Foreign, are agitated & earnestly considered."

Another year's experience has confirmed in the Faculty the conviction of the benefit arising from bringing together, in a single building, students preparing for the Ministry.

It is to be regretted that any difficulties or delays have occurred in the Collection of "Hall dues" while ample provision is made for the Beneficiaries by the Board of Education. At the request of the Professors the Superintendents have resolved that the payment of these dues shall be a prerequisite to obtaining Professoral Certificates.

Additions from abroad have been made to the Library during the year, although not to such an extent as we could desire. Among other donations a box has been received from the Consistory of the Collegiate Church of New York, containing more than 60 vol. and another containing about 100 volumes from the Library of the late Dr John Ferris, presented by his sons.

accordance with an arrangement made a few weeks since by committees of the General Synod and of the Trustees of Rutgers College, more than 2000 books have been removed from the college library to the Peter Kettoy Hall. We have now in the Theological Library upwards of 4000. Still it is altogether inadequate to the wants of the institution.

In conformity with a resolution passed by the General Synod at their last meeting. (See Minutes pp. 345-6) inquiry was made of each student whether he had complied with the standing rules of the Synod respecting the preaching of students. Transgressions seem to have occurred in the following instances - viz. by Mr Berry, Mr Gulick, Mr Jones, Mr Peek, Mr Dubois, Mr Furbeck, Mr Hanson, Mr Lott, Mr Nott, Mr Shaw & Mr Vanderveer.

In view of the answers given it was Resolved, that although some of the students of the Senior Class have not complied with the resolution of Synod in all its specifications, it be proper for this Board to inform the Synod that these young brethren have not preached without the permission of one of the Faculty, and generally as to the time, place and sermon.

The Board further adopted the following preamble and resolution:-

Whereas the power of dispensation from any part of the studies of the Seminary is not vested in this Board. Resolved that as Mr Robert R. Proudfit has omitted the studies of nearly half of the past year, the Board do not permit him to enter upon the next year of study without direction of General Synod.

Abel Van Rechten
Chairman

The committee on the reception of students presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The committee appointed to examine the candidates for admission to the Theological Seminary respectfully report the following minute of proceedings.

The Committee met pursuant to the call of the Stated Clerk of the Board in the Peter Hertog Hall, On Tuesday Sept 21st 1858.

Members present

Revs. N. I. Marselus DD, J. B. Haw DD, Theodore B. Romeyn, and N. I. Chapman, together with the Faculty of the Seminary.

Formation

The Rev N. I. Marselus DD was chosen Chairman and the Rev N. I. Chapman Clerk. The meeting was opened with prayer by the President.

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The following young gentlemen presented their credentials, and were examined with reference to personal piety, and motives for entering the gospel ministry.

I. Romeyn Beck	Rufus M. Hautough
Aug. Blauvelt	M. Swick
P. B. Bonney	Abm. Thompson
Henry J. Butts	J. Van der Meulen
John B. Cury	C. Van Derveen
C. B. Durand	F. V. Van Mauken
John L. Kip	Henry Vinkenage
I. D. Krum	Thomas G. Watson
Wm. H. Miller	Peter L. Wilson
Alex. Proudfit	Wm. H. Wurtz

Upon the close of the examination it was unanimously Resolved, that the credentials of

the candidates be approved and the examination be continued.

Resolved, that the Faculty be empowered to receive into the seminary any candidate who may hereafter present the proper credentials, and submit to a satisfactory examination.

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The minutes were read and approved. The Meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr Romeyn.

N. J. Marselus Chm
N. F. Chapman Clerk

3 The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which after being recommitted with a view to its amendment by the insertion of a blank form in view to bring out the Synod's recommendation (p. 333) was accepted & adopted, together with the original report in reference to the blanks.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of General Synod for 1858 respectfully report the following points claiming the attention of this Board. viz.

On p. 333 the Synod resolved that the Board of Superintendents be requested to adopt some plan by which the Professors of the Theological Seminary will make a yearly detailed report to the Board of Superintendents of every student in the Seminary. And that they be authorised to have blank reports prepared and printed for this purpose."

This resolution was designed to bring those students who receive aid from the Church into the same relation to the professors and the church as those who do. To carry out this resolution it will be necessary for the Board to direct the preparation & publication of the blank

spoken of.

On p. 334 the Synod gave a response to the question of the Board in regard to the examination of candidates for beneficiary aid, in these words. "the committee are of opinion that the action of 1857 does supercede the necessity of an examination by the Board of Superintendents."

On p. 342 the Synod resolved that "in view of the present state of the funds the expenses of the members of the Board be paid by their respective churches and not by the Treasurer of the Corporation as heretofore."

In response to the communication of the Board in regard to the claims of the ministry on pious young men, the Synod state on p. 344. that "they regard the matter as disposed of by the Board of Education".

On p. 346. the Synod direct the Board of Superintendents at their annual meeting to "inquire of each member of the Theological Seminary whether the rule in regard to students preaching has been observed, and to embody the result of these inquiries, and the names of any who have incurred the rule".

All which is respectfully submitted

D. H. Riddle
Chm.

The committee to whom was committed the report on the Synod's minutes beg leave to report, that on examining the blanks furnished to the Professors in regard to a detailed report of standing and progress of beneficiaries, they have found a degree of speciality and rigor in regard to many points which they deem undesirable to require of students not receiving aid from the Board of Education or responsible in any way to it.

In view of the whole case you

committee recommend that a committee be now appointed to report on this subject, and in the mean time that it be left in its present state

D. H. Ridder Chn.

4. The committee on the Professoral report presented the following which was accepted & adopted.—

The Committee on the Professoral report respectfully present

That the report of the Faculty exhibits a state of things calling for the gratitude of the church in view of God's gracious dealings with the institution so dear to our hearts.

The number of students during the year has exceeded that of any previous period in the history of the seminary, the names of fifty being recorded as in actual connection with the institution. And it has pleased God graciously to exempt the students from serious illness, and with a single exception from death, while the Professors give their cheerful testimony not only to the punctuality, studiousness of the students, but also to their willingness in exercises designed to be beneficial to the souls of others as well as their own. One of the members of the present senior class has devoted himself to the work of foreign missions. From the the lower classes it is expected that a goodly proportion will go forth to the heathen world.

The Faculty speak with much gratification of the beneficial results flowing from the gathering of the students together in a single building, and express it as their conviction that a kind Providence led to the erection of the Hall.

Frequent difficulties and delays have been experienced in the erection of the dormitory, for which committee in compliance with the

request of the Faculty recommend the adoption by the Board of the following resolution, viz. That each student applying for a Professional certificate must as a prerequisite be able to show that all his dues to the Hall are satisfactorily discharged.

Donations for the Library have been received from various sources through the year and in accordance with an arrangement made by a Committee of your and the Trustees of the College 2000 volumes have been removed from the College Library to the Theological Hall. The whole number of volumes in the Library now exceeds 4000. Still the Faculty represent the library as altogether inadequate to the wants of the institution.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution. –

viz.

Resolved that an appeal be made to the Churches for such donations either in money or books as will meet the necessities of the institution.

One member of the present Senior Class was hurry schibe while on a return voyage from Germany during the last Summer perished in the wreck of the Austria. But it is gratifying to know that amid the awful scenes of that moment his mind was calm and unmistaken and among his very last acts was his exhortations to the despairing around him to trust in Jesus Christ.

Mr Guryce of the Middle Class has been absent being in Europe during the whole of the past year. He will return to the Seminary in the Fall to take his place in the Middle Class.

The action of a Committee of this Board and of the Faculty in admitting Mr Butts, a

minister of the Methodist church to the privileges of the seminary is in the opinion of your committee commendable, and as such is recommended to the Board.

The Faculty report that they granted leave of absence to Mr Watson, in view of his peculiar engagements, from the first of the present month - your committee would recommend the action of the Faculty in this case to the Board for their approval.

With respect to one matter reported by the Faculty the committee are doubtful as to the recommendation proper to be made by them. It appears that Mr Robert R. Rundfit of the middle class was absent from the Seminary from the commencement of this present year till about the 23d of January - a period of 4 months, and that during this time he was attending a course of law lectures. After the 23d of January he returned to the Seminary and his subsequent attention to his studies has been reported by the Faculty as satisfactory. To the Committee it seems that a proper attention to the course of studies prescribed by the Church requires a diligent use of the full term assigned of three theological years. Should any change ever make it seem in their opinion desirable rather to increase than lessen the time of study. But in the case of Mr Rundfit it appears that he has been absent from the seminary for the greater half of the year, being engaged in studies not connected, at least immediately with his theological course. Reasoning from the usual mode pursued by the students who are designing to spend their lives in a foreign field, and desiring to devote as

time to medical studies, have asked and obtained from General Synod a dispensation for such time, it appears to your Committee that if a student is disposed to devote a portion of the time assigned to his theological course to any other studies, it is for General Synod not for Seminary to decide whether such time shall or shall not be devoted to such pursuits.

Your Committee present this case without making any recommendation, rather leaving it to the Board to express their sentiments on the subject.

Respectfully submitted

Francis H. Kip
V. M. Hulbert } Com.
J. R. Talmage

Art IX

Particularia

Resolved that the morning sessions of the Board begin at 8 o'clock & close at 12½ o'clock, and that the afternoon session begin at 2½ and close at 6 o'clock. —

A Committee consisting of D. H. Riddle DD. J. H. Pitcher & O. H. Gregory was appointed to confer with the Faculty with reference to arrangements for the examination of students.

Rev D. H. Riddle DD, J. H. Kew DD & J. B. Romeyn were appointed a committee to report on the subject of preparing a blank form of reports to be filled up by the Faculty with particulars regarding the standing, studies &c of all the students in the Seminary.

The annual sermon was preached on the

evening of the first day of the session, in the 2nd R. D. Church, by Rev. Theodore B. Romeyn, from 2 Kings 2:15. "The Spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha."

The address to the students was delivered on the evening of the second day of the session, in the Chapel of the Theological Hall, by Rev. Selim H. Tedyc.

The Rev. D. H. Riddle DD was elected to preach the sermon next year, and Rev John L. See his secundus.

The Rev O. H. Gregory was elected to deliver the address to the students, & Rev R. Mellis secundus.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk publish in the Christian Intelligencer the resolution contained in the report of the committee on the Professorial report which recommends an appeal to the churches for aid to increase the Library.

Resolved that the Bound volumes of the Minutes of General Synod belonging to this Board be placed in the Library, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to have the subsequent Minutes bound.

A bill of M. H. Van Fleet, Sexton of the 2nd R. D. Church for opening & lighting the Church, amounting to $3. was presented & ordered to be paid.

Art. XI

Resumption & Close

The Minutes were read and approved.

Art XII

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President

P. D. Van Cleef
Stated Clerk

F. H. Vanderveer Pres.
N. F. Chapman Clerk

Art. I

The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Hasting Hall on Tuesday, May 15. 1860 and continued its sessions from 11 o'clock A.M. of said day until Wednesday night at 11½ o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Stated Clerk, and on motion Rev John Gosman D.D. was called to the chair, and opened the session with prayer.

Art. II.

Members present

From the Classis of New York — Harvey D. Gunsul
" New Brunswick — Samuel D. Alen D.D.
" Bergen — G. H. Biddle D.D.
" Paramus — William Demarest
" Poughkeepsie — Francis M. Kipp D.D.
" Philadelphia — Sherman D. Rimyer
" Passaic — Wm. J. Ogden
" Hudson — John H. Pitcher
" Westchester — J. M. Hubbard
" Albany — Jacob Van Vechten D.D.
" Utica — John Gosman D.D.
" Rensselaer — L. H. Van Dyke
" Montgomery — S. H. Van Vranken
" Schoharie — Wm. G. E. Lee
" Cayuga — John Carleton D.D.
" Otsego — M. I. Schoonmaker
" Greene — Wm. C. Sprague
" Kingston — Benj. C. Lippincott
" Saratoga — Oscar H. Gregory D.D.
" Genesee — John L. Lee

The South Classis of N. J. — South L. I. — North L. I.
Monmouth, Schenectady — Michigan, Illinois,

Maitland, Tuscumbia & Sheet were not represented.

Art. III

Election of Officers

Rev John Lee was elected President, and Rev. J. B. Lippincott Clerk

Art IV

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were read.

Art V.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed viz.

1. On reception of Students

E. H. Riddle D.D.
H. L. Lane
Wm Demarest
Ralph Willis
Wm the Theological Professors.

2 On Professors report

J. B. Ronayne
John Garretson D.D.
J. H. Pitcher

3. On Synodical minutes

V. M. Hulbert
M. H. Van Vranken
W. G. E. Lee

4. On Synodical report

John L. Lee
A. G. Ryerson
H. Van Dyke

Art VI.

Communications

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty, and referred to the Committee on the Synod's report.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the R. P. Dutch Church.

The Theological Faculty would respectfully report, that ninety seven students have been in attendance upon the lectures of the institution during the past year.

Senior Class

Jacob Baar	Micah Miller
James D. Ballagh	George W. Peake
Philip Berry	L. Courtland Rivers
J. Collier	John Scudder
[illegible]	Thos. D. Savage
Marcus H. Hutton	Isaac W. Warner
Henry W. S. Jones	John C. Watkins
Leonard W. Kip jr.	Denis Wortman jr. 16

Middle Class

Aug. Blauvelt	M. M. Stanbrough
Peter B. Bonney	M. Swick
John B. Drury	Abraham Thompson
C. B. Durand	Jacob Van der Meulen
Wm. Rankin Duryee	Christian Vanderveer
J. H. Frazee	F. F. Van Vranken
Isaac L. Kip	Henry Teleslage jr.
Josephus D. Krum	Thomas J. Watson
Wm. H. Miller	Jas. H. Wilson
J. Pieters	Wm. H. Wirts 11

Junior Class

H. W. Brevoort	Wm. Cornell
Marcus Burr	J. Sandford Doolittle
J. R. Brower	Jacob Fehrmann
Isaac H. Collier	Gilbert V. Garretson

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W. E. Yulich
Herbert A. Hawes
John A. Matthews
Abm. Martice
Moses J. Peake
Samuel L. Rogers

J. L. Scudder
John Van der Meulen
H. H. Wilson
J. Reily Rhinehart
H. R. Schermerhorn
S. J. Deering

R. M. Whiteck — 21

Matthew B. Riddle, Resident Licentiate

Mr Hutton of the Senior class entered by dispensation of Synod, he having pursued his studies two years previously in the Union Seminary of New York.

Mr E. C. Rogers is a preacher in the Seventh day Baptist Denomination, but has passed through our whole course and with great acceptance to the Faculty.

Mr John Scudder has been absent by dispensation of Synod during a portion of the year attending medical lectures in N. Y. He has however by great diligence since his return made up to a considerable extent for the time lost by absence.

Mr Warner, according to the advice of General Synod entered the Seminary, and in view of his age and his having been a Licentiate in another Denomination was advised by the Faculty to take the Course of the Senior year — his case has been referred back to the Synod with testimonials as to his piety and orthodoxy.

Mr Cruser of the Middle class is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has attended to all the English studies of the Institution, and has been licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick. A communication herewith transmitted was received by the Faculty in October

ter from the Elders of the church of Fraafschap in the Classis of Holland, asking that Mr H. Pieters might be permitted to leave the institution at the close of the present academic year and become their pastor. Mr Pieters is unwilling to move in the matter and prefers that the Board of Superintendents should decide whether any movement for a dispensation shall be made. The Faculty would state that they have entire confidence in the piety, ability, and sound judgment of Mr Pieters, and were he at once to be put into the Ministry, would have no fear of the result.

Mr Rogers of the junior class was detained from the Seminary for several weeks at the beginning of the year by sickness, and as the class at his entrance had advanced too far in Hebrew for him to overtake it, by the permission of the Faculty he took the English course of both the junior and middle years, and expects next year to study Greek & Hebrew with both classes, and in the third year of his course to enter the Senior class. Although this is irregular it is not altogether unusual, and we trust it will meet with the approval of the Board of Superintendents. Mr J. D. Scudder was but a short time in the Seminary, his intention being to devote himself to the Foreign Missionary work as a physician. Messrs A. & R. Pronk have, at their own request been dismissed from the institution. Mr J. A. Beck having been called as assistant Professor of Languages in the College, has for the present suspended his studies in the Seminary.

The health of the students has been un-

usually good. This is partly owing, under God, to the excellent Gymnasium in the rear of the Hall which has afforded means for exercise, and partly we think to the abolishing of the Commons, so that now we keep the one who prefer to provide their own table in the Hall are obliged to walk a considerable distance to and from their meals. We would add that Board may yet be obtained in town for $2. per week, nor is it likely to rise much above this ... those who provide for themselves at the Hall pay less than $1.87 per week.

The most valuable works added to the Library are a set of the Bibliotheca Sacra, 16 vols. presented by the graduating class. Calvin's commentaries 48 vols. one half the purchase money for which, $25. was raised by Rev. A. T. Todd. Gill's Commentaries, 9 vols. presented by Dr Rev Vanhen. Several valuable volumes have been sent us by George Douglass Esq. Letters have been sent to a number of our ministry with a request to each to send us $20 for the purchase of books. In response we have received $105, viz. from Rev Messrs Demarest of Hackensack, Hanson of Gravesend, Holms of Brooklyn, & Munn of East N.Y. $20 each, and from Rev Mr Lansing of Cortlandville $25. We have promises from others. The intention is to appeal in this way to most of the Clergy. Still the Board must see that were all to respond favorably the whole sum would not go far toward placing our Library on an equality with those of similar institutions.

The diligence, attendance, and general conduct

of the students have been commendable. The existence of the missionary spirit is shown by the fact that five of the Senior class have offered themselves to go to the foreign field, one withdrawing only by the advice of his physician on account of ill health. Four of the same class have devoted themselves to the work of Domestic missions in the West.

In conclusion we desire to record our thanks to God for the encouragements he has given us in our work, that death has not diminished our numbers - that so large a measure of external & we hope spiritual prosperity has been bestowed upon us.

(Paper A)

J. Dickson Frantzen
Wm. H. Campbell
J. A. Hardcastle

New Brunswick
May 15. 1861

A letter from the elders of the church of Bridgeschap, directed to the Faculty, explaining the condition of said church, its need of a pastor, and asking that Mr Peters of the middle class might be recommended to General Synod for a dispensation from the 3d year of his course so as to become their pastor immediately, was laid before the Board, and referred to the Committee on the Professor's report. (Paper B)

The following letter was received from the Faculty, and the President, who associate with himself the Rev Dr Van Rechten, was appointed to draw up a suitable minute in reference to the contents thereof. -

New Brunswick, May 15. 1861

To the Rev. President &c
the Board of Superintendents

Dear Sir:- The Faculty

may come through you to inform the Board that they received last night the present of a beautiful portrait of examination, from the Rev. Dr. Rice of Fishkill, and they hasten to give the Board this information in order that a suitable acknowledgment may be made to Dr Rice for this highly prized gift.

With great regard
Yours truly

(paper D)

J. H. Van Vranken
Wm. H. Campbell
J. M. Merbridge

A letter was received from the stated Clerk of the Classis of Schenectady Certifying that Rev. J. H. Seelye of Amherst College, is still in connection with the R. D. Church, his name having been inadvertently omitted from the minutes of the last General Synod. (paper F)

Also

A letter was received from Rev. J. H. Seelye stating his inability to attend the present meeting of the Board. (paper E)

Art. VII.

Examinations

The examinations of the students were conducted in the following order.

1. Professor of Sacred and Pastoral Theology on Tuesday from 3 to 5½ P. M.
2. The Professor of Hebrew & Biblical Literature on Wednesday from 9½ to 12½ A.M. & P.M.
3. The Professor of Ecclesiastical History &c on Wednesday from 3 to 5½ P.M.
4. The seniors were examined in the Composition & delivery of sermons on Wed-

nesday from 8 to 9½ A.M. and from 2½ to 3 P.M.
5. The Seniors were examined in personal piety and views of entering the Ministry, on Thursday at 7½ P.M.

On motion the examinations were all unanimously sustained, and the members of the Senior Class were recommended to the Faculty for the usual Professional certificate, with the exception of Mr Warner, who in view of the necessity of obtaining a dimission from General Synod, was recommended for a qualified certificate.—

The requirement of General Synod (see minutes Vol. 9. p. 345) was complied with, and the following answers were given to the question "Have you violated the law of General Synod in regard to the preaching of students?" All the Seniors answered yes except Messrs Button and Warner.
Of the Middle class the following answered yes. viz

W. A. Blauvelt	the following answered No.
J. D. Bruen	C. B. Bonney
W. H. Miller	J. B. Drury
R. Peters	W. R. Dunyee
Jacob Vandermulen	J. L. Kip
C. Vanderveer	R. M. Stanbrough
P. L. Wilson	M. Swicke
	Abm Thompson
	J. J. Van Vranken
	H. Schalage Jr
	Wm. Watson
	[illegible]

Oct.

Schools of Commissioners

The committee on the reception of students presented the following Report, which was adopted and is on file (see paper C.)

The Committee for the reception of students met at the Thes. Hall Sept 2d. 1857. Members present besides the Theological Faculty, Rev. T. B. Row D.D. Rev. A. G. Ryerson, & Rev R. Willis. Rev Dr Row was made Chairman, & R. Willis Secretary. The meeting was opened by prayer.

A number of gentlemen presented their credentials, and were separately examined on personal piety, and views of entering the ministry. to wit -

* A. M. Brandt	Wm Mattice +
+ Marcus Burr	Moses P. Peake
Thos Burnell	J. H. Rogers
+ Geo. H. Cameron	J. H. Fraser +
+ W. D. Gerrish	John Vandermeulen *
J. K. Matthews	J. F. Wilson
J. R. Brock	J. Kelly Chinchart +
Isaac H. Collier	W. R. Schermerhorn
+ J. Sandford Doolittle	A. J. Lewis
J. V. Gunston	R. M. Whitteck
Robert H. Hawes	F. J. Warner

M. H. Sutton Senior class.

* no diploma + certificates to be examined.

The examinations being concluded the following resolutions were passed.

1. Resolved that the examination be sustained, and that these gentlemen be admitted to the Seminary

2. Resolved, that it be left to the Theological Faculty to determine the class proper for

Mr Warner to enter

3. Resolved that the Theological Faculty be empowered to receive students after the adjournment of this Committee.

R. Willis - Sec.

The Committee appointed to prepare a form to express the grade, character &c of the students reported, & their report was adopted - is as follows -

"The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a form by which to ascertain the grade, standing &c of all the students of the Seminary, would report,

That after the most consideration they have been able to bestow upon the subject it appears to them entirely unnecessary & inexpedient to apply the same form to the students who are not beneficiaries of the church which the Synod has adopted for beneficiaries. There is an obvious distinction in the two classes of students. In regard to one class the Board of Education are responsible to the churches for the wise and economical administration of the funds committed to their care. But this is not true of the other class. They come to avail themselves of the advantages of the Seminary at their own charges, and are responsible to their parents or guardians. They place themselves as adult gentlemen under the direction of the Faculty, and have a right to be treated as such, and are subjected to the discipline of the Institution if they offend. Any application of rules or laws further than those which the Faculty have ordained and the Synod approved, would in the opinion of your C

mittee neither injure the interests of the institution or the pleasant relations of teachers and pupils.

All which is respectfully submitted

D. H. Riddle

Chn

The committee on Synodical Minutes reports that they have examined the minutes of the last General Synod and found nothing that requires the special action of this Board.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. H. Hulbert chn

The Committee on the Professor's report presented the following which was adopted. (Paper 47)

"We think the Board has a right to deem itself happy in the reception of so cheering a report from our Professors. While that of the year previous was regarded as giving peculiar reason for congratulation and gratitude, this gives greater reason still not only because there is evidence of past prosperity being continued, but because it betokens an increasing prosperity &c—

The number of students in attendance the year previous was 51. This year past the number is 57.

An interesting feature of the report is that it gives to view the fact that four of the members of the Seminary stand consecrate to the service of Christ on foreign shores. Another has been hindered from the same purpose by the state of his health. There is thus a growing missionary spirit among our young men, well fitting the indication of God's Providence. Thus while the ark moves we are moving too.

The action of the Faculty in the case of Mr Warner is approved by your Committee. The General Synod referred the case to the Faculty to be disposed of according to their judgment. They advised Mr Warner, because of his age and having been a licentiate in another denomination to take the Course of the Senior year. The Faculty have, after the expression of their judgment in the matter, now referred the case back to the Synod for their final disposition.

Your Committee have had a letter put in their hands, addressed to the Faculty and by them referred to the Board, from the Church of Graafschaft in the Classis of Holland, asking that because of the peculiar position and necessities of their church, Mr Pieters of the Middle class may be permitted to leave the Seminary at the close of the present academic year in order to become their pastor. Mr Pieters is unwilling to move in the matter, & prefers that the Board of Superintendent should decide whether any movement should be made for a dispensation. The Faculty seem disposed most cordially to grant the request stating that they would have no fear as to the result if he were at once put into the Ministry. Your Committee chiefly through this implied recommendation of the Faculty would recommend that the request be granted and that a request be asked. Your Committee likewise approve of the decision of the Faculty in the case of Mr Rogers of the Junior Class, who being detained by sickness from the Seminary at the beginning of the year too long for it to be expedient for him to enter upon the study of

the Senior was permitted to take the English course of both the Junior & Middle years, and spend next year in studying Greek & Hebrew with the Senior Class in the 3d year of his course under the Senior Class.

The course taken by the Faculty in making appeals to individuals for the purpose of enlarging the Library we regard as a highly judicious one which we hope will be successful.

God has most kindly watched over the lives and health of the students during the past year. Let us rejoice and be glad in the Lord Jesus who is thus dealing kindly with our Church in things with which her prosperity is so intimately connected. Our daily bread is worthy of daily thanksgiving. Let us in our hearts bless God for these yearly benefits with which he is loading us. May every new manifestation of his grace be new earnest of still richer clusters of his "great goodness."

J. B. Kennedy
John Garretson
J. H. Pitcher

The Committee on Synodical report presented the following which was adopted & ordered to be sent to Synod synod.

To the General Synod of the R.P.C. Church to be convened in Philadelphia during the month of June 1860

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on the fifteenth day of May 1860 at 11 A.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev John Forman D.D. The following members were present (viz.)

The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of their term of service -

Rev J. B. Dow DD.	Classis of Brunswick
" J. M. Rice DD	" Poughkeepsie
" J. B. Romeyn	Philadelphia
" A. G. Ogerson	Passaic
" J. Van Rensselaer DD	Albany
" A. H. Van Vranken	Montgomery
" J. H. Seelye	Schenectady

The seats of the following members are vacant by their removal from the bounds of the Classes which they were appointed to represent

Rev D. McL. Buchanan	South Classis of L. I.
" G. A. Hendricks	North " do - do

The following Classes have not been represented in the Board for several years viz.

South Classis of New York
Classis of Michigan
" Wisconsin

The Board was organized by the election of Rev John Gosman DD President & Rev B. C. Lippincott Clerk pro tem.

The following students have been connected with the several Classes of the institution during the past year. viz.

(See Professor's report at. V.)

Mr Hutton of the Senior Class entered by dispensation of Synod, he having pursued his studies two years previously in the Union Theological Seminary of New York.

Mr L. C. Rogers is a preacher in the Seventh day Baptist denomination but has pas-

led through our whole course, and with great acceptance to the Faculty.
Mr John Scudder has been absent by dispensation of Synod during a portion of the year attending Medical lectures in New York. He has however by great diligence since his return made up to a considerable extent for the time lost by absence.
Mr Warner, according to the advice of Synod entered the Seminary and in view of his age, besides his having been a licentiate in another denomination, was advised by the Faculty to take the Course of the Senior year. His case has been referred back to Synod with testimonials as to his piety and orthodoxy.
Mr Frasca of the Middle Class is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has attended to all the English studies of the institution and has been licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick. —
A communication received by the Professors from the Elders of the Church of Graafschap in the Classis of Holland and transmitted to the Board, asking that Mr B. Pieters might be permitted to leave the institution at the close of the present Seminary year and become their pastor. Mr Pieters is unwilling to move in the matter and prefers that the Board of superintendents should decide whether a movement for a dispensation shall be made. The Faculty state that they have entire confidence in the piety, ability, and sound judgment of Mr Pieters, and were he at once put into the Ministry, would have no fear as

to the result.

Upon the foregoing the following resolution was passed,-

That the case of Mr Peters be referred to General Synod with the recommendation of this Board that the dispensation contemplated in his case be granted.

The Faculty report with gratification that the health of the students has been unusually good. Their diligence, attendance and general conduct have been very commendable and satisfactory. They also report a very encouraging exhibition of the missionary spirit in the fact that five of the senior class have offered themselves for the foreign field. One of these has been advised by his physician to withdraw his offer on account of the state of his health. Four others have devoted themselves to the service of the Domestic Board in the West.

The Board feel called to congratulate the Synod upon the foregoing facts concerning the number and the spirit of consecration of the students. Our thanks are due to the great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity granted to this agency for the education of a pious and efficient Ministry for the Church.

The questions directed by Synod were put to the students with reference to their preaching otherwise than under the special cases of exception mentioned in Synod's resolutions. The Board regret the necessity of reporting that the rule of Synod was confessed to have been broken by all but three members of the senior class and by some

members of the Middle class. The names of those transgressing are, Messrs Mesmy Bray, Ballagh Berry Collier, Gulick, Jones Kip, Miller Peake, Scudder, Talmage, Watkins, Wortman.

Middle Class, Messrs Blauvelt, Brown, Miller, Pieter, Vandermeulen, Vandervoort Wilson.

The Board having been sometimes deprived of the presence & counsel of members for want of Secundi, to take the place of Primarii who are hindered from coming recommend to Synod to authorize hereafter the appointment of a member primarius & a secundus for each classis.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John L. Nice
A. G. Ryerson } Com.
L. D. Van Dyke

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the Portrait of Dr Livingston reported the following which was adopted.—

The name of the Rev Dr John H. Livingston is very intimately associated with the history of the reformed Dutch church in America. It is a name which will always have a sweet fragrance with all who feel any interest in the maintenance and diffusion of evangelical piety on this continent. It is therefore with feelings of peculiar gratification that the board of Superintendents have received an excellent portrait of Dr Livingston

from Rev Francis M. Kip D.D., and hereby express their grateful acknowledgments for this memorial of a father in the church who is so extensively known and highly appreciated.

Resolved that a copy of this minute be transmitted to the Rev. Francis M. Kip D.D. signed by the President and Clerk, and attested by the Stated Clerk of the Board.

John Forman
Wm Rochester

ART IX

Applications for unexpired period.

Nothing occurred.

ART X.

Attendance

On motion it was resolved that the sessions of the Board should attend from 9 to 12½ in the forenoon, & from 2½ to 6 in the afternoon.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Faculty as to the examinations.

The sermon was preached on Tuesday evening, in the 1st R. D. Church, by Rev Dr Riddle, from Rom. 1. 15

The address to the students was delivered on Wednesday evening in the Chapel by Rev Oscar H. Gregory D.D.

The Rev John A. Lee was elected primarius, and John Guretson D.D. secundus to preach the sermon next year.

[illegible] Rev. D. L. was elected primarius, & [illegible] D. Jones secundus to deliver the orations to the students.

It was resolved that General Agnew be requested to authorize the nomination by classes of a secundus to each member of the Board of superintendents, so that in case of the failure of the primarius to attend, or his removal to another classis, the Board may still be full.

It was resolved that hereafter the sessions of the Board be extended until Thursday evening. —

Act XI.

Assumption and Close

The minutes were read and approved.

Act XII.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President.

John Gossman Pres.
B. C. Lippincott Clerk

P. L. Kinkhef,
Stated Clerk.

Art I. The Board of Superintendents met in the chapel of [illegible] Hall on Tuesday, May 21st at 10½ A.M. and Continued its Sessions until Thursday at 5 o'clock P.M.

The Rev. John Gosman D.D. the Last President, took the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Art II

Members present

From the Classis of New York.	Rev. H. D. Garse
South New York —	" M. I. Hutton D.D.
New Brunswick	" John De Witt D.D.
[illegible]	" [illegible]
Paramus —	" Wm Demarest
South Long Island	" John H. Manning
North Long Island —	" W. W. Halloway
Poughkeepsie —	" [illegible] Van Rensselaer
Philadelphia	" W. J. R. Taylor D.D.
Passaic —	" Peter S. Talmage
Hudson —	" John H. Pitcher
Westchester	" T. M. Hulbert
Monmouth	" Ralph Willis
Albany —	" [illegible] Simons
Ulster —	" John [illegible] D.D.
Montgomery	" Joseph Kriekern
Cayuga	" [illegible]
[illegible]	" [illegible]
Greene —	" Wm E. Turner
Kingston —	" B. C. Lippincott
Geneva —	" John L. See
Illinois —	" Aaron [illegible]

The Classes of Rensselaer, Schoharie, [illegible], Saratoga, Michigan, Holland, Scott, Harlem & Wisconsin were not represented. The latter Classis was no member appointed.

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Art. III

Election of Officers

Rev John Garretson D.D. was elected President
and Rev. W. W. Halloway Clerk.

Art IV.

Reading of the minutes & Rules

The minutes of the last meeting were read.
The Rules of the Board were also read.

Art V.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed.

1. On reception of students
   Rev John De Witt D.D.
   " P. D. Vanse
   " J. H. Manning
   " Wm Demarest
   And the Theological Professors.

2. On the Professorial Report
   Rev John [illegible]
   " J. Van Vechten
   " J. Kniskern

3. On synodical minutes
   Rev Wm Demarest
   " J. H. Manning
   " P. D. [illegible]

4. On synodical report
   Rev. T. M. Hulbert
   " H. [illegible]
   Wm C. [illegible]

VI.

Communications.

The following communication from the Theological Faculty was received, read & referred to the Committee on [illegible]

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church in America.

The Theological Faculty now to begin their report with the sad announcement of the death of their esteemed colleague, Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Van Vranken Rapalje, Professor of Church History, which occurred on the first day of this year. The Doctor's death was the fitting close of a life consistent throughout with the doctrines of grace. The prayer of his surviving colleagues is that they may imitate the decease in his love of the truth and his Christian virtues.

The following persons have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the Theological year.

Senior Class

Charles Hansel	L. M. Stimpson
Fred. [illegible]	[illegible]
John D. [illegible]	Abraham Thompson
[illegible]	Peter Van Der Meulen
Wm. Van Vliet Dwyer	Christian Van Der Veer
Isaac [illegible] Kip	J. L. Van Vranken
Josephus C. Krum	Henry Schoonmaker
Wm. H. Muller	Thomas J. Watson
[illegible]	[illegible] Wilson

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Middle Class

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Isaac H. Collier
[illegible]	Wm. Cornell

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Richard [illegible]	[illegible]
Julius [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Hegeman	Charles [illegible]
[illegible] H. [illegible]	[illegible]
James [illegible]	[illegible]
W. C. Bynum[illegible]	[illegible]

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Total 57

[illegible] was [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] examination.

[illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible] Church [illegible] the [illegible] returned [illegible] his [illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible] from the [illegible] volunteer in the [illegible] States.

[illegible] been [illegible] in the exercises of the [illegible] hoped that the [illegible] progress [illegible] studies.

[illegible]

as a member of the Religious Order, he was prevented the whole course of theological study in our seminary.

Upon the death of Dr. Mc Cauley the Faculty continued to use his lectures to the Classes, he allowing them very readily, wishing to prevent any interruption in the regular exercises of the seminary. Yet the arrangement was designed to continue only until other provisions had been made by the Board of Synod. As nothing has been done by Synod, in the matter, the professors have accepted the Dr. Cauley's lectures, & preparing the Classes for examination in didactic Theology, in as far as was practicable with due attention to their own appropriate duties.

A sense of duty led to this course. It was thought that if it could be avoided, there ought to be no interruption in the studies of the seminary. The Synod and the living ought, in as far as possible, to do the work of the Lord diligently, until the proper authorities have made other and better arrangements. It is hoped that the course pursued by the Faculty will meet with the approbation of the Board.

In Faculty it became also to suggest that such action should be taken by the Board and Synod, as would relieve the Theological Faculty from teaching in the College. The large increase in the number of the students, and the general interests of the seminary imperatively demand all the time of the Professors, while the number and eminent abilities of the Literary Faculty, render them fully able in discharge all the duties of the College. The Faculty are happy to state that they

have great confidence in the piety of the young men connected with the Seminary, and every thing which has occurred during the year has tended to foster this good opinion.

In order to secure diligence in studies and regularity of attendance on the daily exercises of the Seminary, nothing more is needed than examinations of the most thorough kind at the close of the year. Rigorous examinations are in fact the only policy which a College or Theological Seminary requires.

The Faculty have completed during the year the improvements in the Seminary grounds contemplated in the original plan including the paved terrace and flight of stone steps, leading up from the gate to the front door, the planting of trees, and the fencing of Cottage Avenue. The roof of the Hall has also been thoroughly repaired. These improvements have called for the outlay of a considerable sum of money, all of which has been paid except the exception of a debt of about $200. which the Faculty will try to liquidate without making any demand upon the impoverished treasury of Synod. The Board of the Seminary grounds is not what it must be. The Faculty find the cod-hole of Middlesex rather intractable, but purpose to persevere in their efforts and expect to conquer.

Wm. H. Campbell
J. M. Nordbye

New Brunswick May 19. 1861

Art VII.

Examinations

The examinations were conducted in the following order ie

1. The examination in Didactic Theology occu-

fied Tuesday afternoon. Dr Campbell opened the examination on the first half of the lectures of Dr Van Rauken, and continued until 4 o'clock. [illegible] took up the other lectures and con[illegible] the examination during the remainder of the afternoon session.

2. On Wednesday forenoon Professor Campbell examined the Junior Class in the Hebrew, and the Middle & Senior Classes in Hebrew, Greek and Biblical Literature

3. On Wednesday afternoon Professor Woodbridge examined the Senior, Middle & Junior Classes in Ecclesiastical History, and the Seniors in Church government and Pastoral Theology.

4. On Wednesday evening the members of the Senior Class gave specimens of sermonizing before the Board.

5. On Thursday morning the Seniors were examined in personal piety, & views in entering the ministry. The Senior & Middle classes also laid their sermons on the table for inspection.

The Senior Class was then questioned according to the requirement of General Synod as to having obeyed the law concerning students preaching. On motion the questions were put to each Student, viz.
1. Have you obeyed the Law of General Synod passed in 1858, during the past year.
2. If not have you thought of it since the penalty affixed by Synod in 1861 was officially made known to you.

The following was the result.

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James Bonney, Durand, Duryee, Krum, Thompson, Van Nauken, Vehslage Jr, Watson & Wilson had not violated the rule in any respect.
Messrs Brownell, Drury, Kip, Miller, Peters, Stanbrough, Swick, Van Der Meulen, Van Der Veen, had violated the rule but not since the penalty of 1861 was made known.

It was then resolved that the following minute be adopted and sent to General Synod in reference to students preaching.- A few violations of the law occurred before the official announcement of the penalty attached thereto by the last General Synod, but no violations have occurred since that time. The Board therefore report no names to General Synod as exceeding the rule.

It was thereupon unanimously resolved that all the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that all the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professoral certificates.

The members of the other classes were also questioned as to the Law against students preaching when it was found that James Collier, Cornell, Paine, Schenck and Van Benschoten of the Middle class had transgressed, but not since the action of the last Synod was made known to them. No other transgressions had occurred.

Mr Wm. B. Van Benschoten, of the Senior Class in Rutgers College, having asked to be examined for the purpose of receiving aid from the Van Benschoten fund, his request was granted, and he

was examined through a committee consisting of Rev R. Willis & Rev Wm Demarest and recommended to the General Synod.

Art. VIII

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the reception of students into the Seminary presented the following report which was accepted.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents, for the reception to the Theological Seminary, met in the chapel of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, Thursday Sept. 20 1860, at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Rev D. H. Riddle D.D., Rev Wm Demarest, Rev Ralph Willis, and the Theological Professors.

The Rev Ralph Willis was appointed chairman, and Rev E. Campbell Clerk. The meeting was opened with prayer by the chairman.

The following persons presented themselves for examination,

Wm H. Ballagh	James Lyall
J. N. Beardslee	W. J. Shiffermann
Wm. Bogardus	J. Howard Van Doren
W. E. Bogardus	Augustus Vermilye
Richard De Witt	Henry M. Voorhees
Julius V. Geyer	W. B. Voorhees
Andrew J. Hegeman	Charles H. Wilson
John D. Karsten	Egbert Winter
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The certificates of church membership, and also of literary attainments of these gentlemen were read and approved. They were then examined on personal piety and their view in entering on a course of theological study when it was unanimously Resolved. That

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Messrs Pullan, Beardslee, J. M. Bogardus, W. S. Bogardus, De Witt, Lewis, Hegeman, Karsten, Lyall, Shannon, Van Doren, Vermilye, Henry M. Warren, P. B. Wauchope, Winter & Zabriskie be admitted into the Junior Class of the Seminary.

Resolved: that Mr Charles W. Wilson be admitted into the Junior Class, with an earnest and affectionate invitation to pay attention to the Language during his theological course.

Resolved: that the Faculty be a committee for the reception of students after the adjournment of this committee to day.

The students were then addressed by the chairman.

The Minutes were then read and approved, & after prayer by Dr Van Rauken, the Committee adjourned.

Wm H. Campbell
Clerk

The committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report which was accepted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of General Synod and find upon p. 559 what alone seems to claim the attention of the Board of Superintendents; and which consists of a certain resolution relating to the preaching of students: which the lapse of a Gardner year is reaffirmed with increased directions. The resolution referred to reads as follows.

Resolved that in those cases of the violation of the law regulating the students preaching which fall within the knowledge of the Board of Superintendents in the fulfilment of their

duties in session it is hereby empowered and directed to suspend the offending party of whatever rank from his place, until the case shall be decided by the next general assembly.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. D. Howard
Chm.

The committee on the Professorial Report presented the following which was accepted & adopted.

The Faculty report that the students have been regular in their attendance on the exercises of the Seminary. In the removal by death, of the Rev Dr Van Rauken, Professor of Didactic and Exegetical Theology, it is due to his memory to record the following resolution, expressive of the sense of the Board in regard to his worth.

Resolved: that we bow with submission to the dispensation by which the Senior professor has been removed from the service of the church, and would cherish an affectionate remembrance of his services, his spiritual devotedness, the fidelity and ability with which, for a long series of years, he discharged the important duties devolving on him in the responsible position which he occupied in our theological seminary.

The surviving members of the Faculty state in their report to the Board that "upon the death of Dr Van Rauke they continued to read his lectures to the classes, in so doing they simply wished to prevent any interruption in the regular re-

vices of the institution", and the arrangement was designed to continue only until other provision could be made by the Board of Superintendents or the Synod; and as nothing has been done in the matter by either body, the surviving professors have occupied all Dr Van Rauken's hours, reading his lectures, and preparing the classes for examination in Didactic Theology, as far as was practicable with due attention to their appropriate duties.

Your committee hereby appoint of the course pursued by the faculty and consider their assumption of additional duties entitling them to our gratitude, and meriting some special consideration; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved: that the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary express their high appreciation and grateful sense of the services rendered to the Church by the Professors of Biblical Literature and Church History during the past session, by performing the duties of the Theological chair.

The faculty also suggest that such action should be taken by the Board and Synod as would relieve them from teaching in the college, that more time and labor may be given for the benefit of students in the seminary. "The large increase of students and the general interests of the seminary imperatively demand all the time of the professors, while the numbers and eminent literary abilities of the faculty render them fully able to discharge all the duties of the College." Your Committee consider the above suggestion of the The

logical Faculty as merit consideration, and as early action as may be practicable, and propose the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved: that it be recommended to General Synod to take measures to effect the desired relief.

The Faculty state also in their Report to the Board "that they have great Confidence in the piety of the young men connected with the Seminary, and every thing which has occurred during the year has tended to foster this good opinion."

The Faculty have completed during the year the improvements of the Seminary grounds as contemplated in the original plan.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. Corwin
C. Van Rechteren
J. Kniesteren } Com.

The Committee on the Synodical report presented the following which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to General Synod.

Report of the Board of Superintendents to General Synod.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertog's on Tuesday, May 21st 1861 at 11 o'clock A.M. The President, Rev John Gosman D.D., opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present.

(Members present see 1st II)

The following Classes were not represented at this meeting. Viz. Rensselaer, Schoharie, Schenectady, Saratoga, Michigan, Holland, Wisconsin, which for the reason of distance

west, of Raritan. The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of their terms of service at the next meeting of General Synod. viz.

Rev. D. D. Riddle D.D.	Rev. M. V. Schermerhorn
" John P. Mellick	" Oscar H. Gregory
Victor M. Hulbert	" John L. See
Ralph Willis	" Aaron Claud
Wm. E. See	" Henry M. Scudder

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. John Garretson D.D. President, and Rev. W. W. Halloran Clerk pro. tem.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. John L. See from Is. 60:12, and the address to the students at the close of the examination was delivered by Rev. F. M. Kipp D.D.

From the report of the Faculty it appears that the following has been the attendance of students at the Seminary during the past year.

(See Report of the Faculty No VI)

Mr Wm. H. Shearer was dismissed to the Seminary by the Faculty after the adjournment of the committee of examination.

Mr Hawes of the Middle Class, a member of the Wesleyan Church, withdrew from the Seminary during the present month, and returned to his home in Virginia. Mr Arnoldt of the Middle Class has also withdrawn, and is acting in the army of the United States. Mr Peter B. Bonner, of the Senior Class, is a member of the Wesleyan Church. He has prosecuted the whole course of Theological study in our Seminary.

The Theological Faculty say that they have to make the sad announcement of the

death of Rev. [illegible] A. Van Vranken, [illegible] professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, which occurred on the first day of the year. The Doctor's death was a fitting close of a life of consistent advocacy of the doctrines of grace. The prayer of his surviving colleagues is that they may imitate the deceased in his love for the truth and his Christian virtues."

On the subject of Dr Van Vranken's death the following action was taken by the Board:

Resolved: that the Board bow with submission to the dispensation by which the Senior Professor has been removed from the service of the Church, and would cherish an affectionate remembrance of his services, his spiritual devotedness, and the fidelity and ability with which, for a long series of years, he discharged the important duties devolving on him in the responsible position which he occupied in our Theological Seminary.

The Faculty state that on the death of Dr Van Vranken they continued to read his lectures to the Classes. In so doing they simply wished to prevent an interruption of the regular exercises of the Seminary. "They have occupied all Dr Van Vranken's hours, reading his lectures and preparing the Classes for examination in Didactic and Polemic Theology, as far as was practicable, with due attention to their own appropriate duties, believing that the sound and the living ought, in as far as possible to do the work of the sick or dead, until

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the proper authorities have made other and better arrangements". In reference to this statement the following action was taken.

Resolved: that the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary express their high appreciation, and grateful sense of the services rendered to the Church by the Professors of Biblical Literature and Church History during the past Session by performing the duties of the Theological Chair.

An important matter was brought before the Board in the following extract from the report of the Faculty.

"The Faculty beg leave to suggest that such action should be taken by the Board & Synod as would relieve the Theological Faculty from teaching in the College. The large increase in the number of the students, and the general interests of the Seminary imperatively demand all the time of the Professors, while the numerous Eminent abilities of the Literary Faculty render them fully able to discharge all the duties of the College".

The Board considered the above suggestion of the Theological Faculty as meriting consideration, and as early a date as may be practicable, and therefore adopted the following resolution.

Resolved: that it be recommended to General Synod to take measures to afford the desired relief.

[illegible] report the completion of the improvements in the Seminary grounds according to the original plan, including [illegible] retaining walls, all of which

have been paid for excepting a balance of about $200, which they hope to liquidate without calling upon General Synod.

The Faculty furnish a pleasing report of the fidelity of the students in their studies, and of their consistent walk and conversation.

By a resolution of the Board the sessions were extended beyond the usual time in order to secure a more full and critical examination of the several classes, and the Board are happy to bear testimony to the promptness and accuracy with which the students acquitted themselves in their various departments. The examination in Theology gave full evidence of the fidelity of the surviving professors in carrying forward the instructions of their deceased colleague.

The senior class were heard in the delivery of specimen sermons, and also examined on personal religion and their views in entering the sacred ministry, and were accommended for the usual Preparatory certificates.

Agreeably to the direction of Synod the students were interrogated as to their compliance with the rules prescribed for them on the subject of preaching, from which it appeared that a few violations of the law occurred before the official announcement of the penalty attached thereto by the last General Synod, but no violations have occurred since that time. The Board therefore report no names to General Synod as exceeding the rule.

In view of certain embarrassments to which Professor [illegible] subject [illegible]

[illegible] of the year of 1861 the Board received and the permission which the Convention had given to the students of the Seminary to pursue during the vacations such extra studies as might be deemed expedient by the Board of Trustees, and the Board [illegible] the Convention to approve and ratify the action which he shall be permitted to pursue.

[illegible] the Board [illegible] of the Seminary and Hobart College [illegible] by resolution of the Board recommended to the General Convention [illegible] a suitable person to receive and pass the Resolutions [illegible].

In conclusion the Board [illegible] the General Convention the present highly prosperous condition and [illegible] of the Society [illegible] the [illegible] of the Prophets, [illegible] and [illegible] care of the Church.

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Art. IX

Applications for temporary aid

[illegible] the matter of the [illegible] Hobart College applied [illegible] in connection with a request [illegible] from the Bishop Benedictine fund. [illegible] recommended.

Art. X

Particulars

It was [illegible] that the yearly contributions of the Parish Church [illegible] of [illegible] be the 12th [illegible]

Rev Dr Riddle & Rev J. L. Lee were appointed a committee to confer with the Professors with reference to the order of examinations.

The annual sermon was preached on Tuesday evening in the 2nd R.D. Church by Rev John L. Lee, from Isai 60:12. "For the nation & kingdom" &c

The address to the students was delivered on Thursday at 12 o'clock.

A fee of $2 for [illegible] the [illegible] for the sermon on Tuesday evening was paid by the Sexton, & order paid.

Rev John Garretson D.D. was chosen to preach the sermon next year, & Rev John De Witt D.D his secundus.

Rev H. D. Gruse was elected to deliver the address to the students & Rev R. Willis his secundus.

On motion it was resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College with reference to the removal of the portrait of Dr Cannon to the Chapel of Beiths Hall. Rev Ralph Willis, and Rev [illegible] were appointed the committee.

In view of certain embarrassments to which the Professors and students are exposed in the application of the law of 1858 during vacations & the seminary, the Board express an opinion in the following resolution.

Resolved: that the permission which the Profession may give to the students of the

licensed Class to preach during the vacations, will in the opinion of the Board meet the spirit of the law of 1858, if it shall indicate the sermons which each student may preach, and the region and the period within which he shall be permitted to preach there.

It was also

Resolved: that the thanks of this Board be presented to the families of this City, who have generously entertained its members during their sessions.

Act XI

Resumption and Close

The minutes were read & approved

Act XII.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President.

John Harrison Pres.

R. D. Mallery

Stated Clerk.

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Art I

The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Nassau Hall, on Tuesday, May 20. 1862, at 12 o'clock, M. and continued its sessions until Thursday at 5 P.M. The Rev John Garretson DD., the last President took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Art II

Members present

Rev H. D. Chase	from	Classis of New York
" M. J. Hutton LL	"	South Classis N.Y.
" John De Witt DD	"	New Brunswick
" Gustavus Abel DD	"	Bergen
" J. H. Manning	"	South Classis L.I.
" W. W. Halloway	"	North " L.I.
" Samuel Van Vechten	"	Poughkeepsie
" Wm J. R. Taylor DD.		Philadelphia
" P. D. Talmage	"	Passaic
" D. D. Demarest, DD.		Hudson
" James Bolton	"	Westchester
" Wm Riley	"	Monmouth
" John Simonson	"	Albany
" Joseph Kniskern	"	Montgomery
" H. A. Raymond	"	Schoharie
" John Garretson DD.		Cayuga
" Charles Scott	"	Orange
" Wm E. Turner	"	Greene
" B. C. Tiffany	"	Kingston
" John Gosman DD		Ulster
" John Steele	"	Saratoga
" John W. Schenck		Geneva
" Ed. S. Livingston	"	Albany
" John F. Mesick DD.		Raritan

The Classes of Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Holland, Arcot & Wisconsin were not represented. The latter has no representation.

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Art III

Election of Officers

The Rev. Gustavus Vael, DD. was elected President, and the Rev. John Steele Clerk. Rev J. Steele having been absent before the Board adjourned Rev Charles Hatt was appointed in his place.

Art IV

Reading Minutes and Rules.

The Minutes of last year were read.
The Rules were read.

Art V

Standing Committees.

on Reception of Students	Rev Wm Riley, DD " D. D. Demarest, DD. " W. W. Halloway " P. S. Talmage and the Theological Faculty
on the Professional Report	Rev. Wm J. R. Taylor, DD " Wm E. Turner " Samuel Van Rensselaer
on Synodical Minutes	" John De Witt, DD " Edd. P. Livingston " J. N. Schenck
on the Synodical Report	" John Gosman, DD " John Garretson, DD " John Simonson

Art VI

Communications

The following Communication from the Theological Faculty was read and referred to the Committee on the Professional Report.

To the Board of Superintendents

of the Theological Seminary

The Faculty would respectfully report that the following young gentlemen have during the past year been members of the institution!

Senior Class

J. Romeyn Beck	John A. Matthews
H. W. Brandt	John Mathie
J. R. Broek	Alonzo P. De Ree
Marcus Burr	J. Kelly Rheinhart
Isaac K. Collier	Samuel J. Rogers
John Cornell	H. A. Schermerhorn
W. Juniper Deal Little	W. J. Teering
Jacob Hermann	John Van Derbeuden
Gilbert V. Garretson	R. M. Whitbeck
Uriah D. Kulien	H. G. Wilson

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Middle Class

Wm. H. Balleigh	Wm. K. Skinner
J. W. Bindslee	Wm. H. Skillman
Francis M. Bogardus	J. H. Van Doren
W. C. Cornelius	Benjamin Vermilye
Richard De Witt	R. M. Vorhees
Julius W. Geyer	Wm. B. Vorhees
H. J. Hugeman	Charles W. Wilson
John H. Kuysten	Egbert Winter
James Lyell	Jeremiah J. Zabriskie

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Junior Class

Benjamin C. Burthrop	John Messler Quick
G. De Witt Bodine	Nathan M. Sherwood
J. W. Borst	H. B. Van Benschoten
D. Broek	Thornton Van Vliet
Solomon J. Cole	Wm. A. Van Wagenen
Thomas J. Deusenberre	James Wyckoff
John Garretson	Wm. P. Zabriskie
Chester D. Hartranft	

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Resident Licentiate, John Thompson. Total 55

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Mr Beck of the Senior Class has attended upon the lectures during the past month only, as through the year he has entertained doubts concerning his call to the Gospel Ministry. His absence from the institution for so much of the time might perhaps warrant the action of Synod in granting a dispensation should the Board of Superintendents so decide, there are several circumstances in favor of such dispensation. Mr Beck entered the Seminary four years since, and was a diligent student during his junior and middle year. As is known to many, he is a good scholar & after his entrance into the Seminary taught Latin for a year in College. By great effort he has prepared himself for examination with the Senior Class, and we doubt not will be found well prepared. His age also, for he is above thirty, would plead for his introduction into his work as soon as possible.

Mr Brandt, of the same class, was absent from the last examination, having been in the army. He joined his class not long after the opening of the term in September last. The case is submitted to the Board for its action.

Of the Junior Class, Mr Van Vliet was compelled by ill health to leave almost immediately after the opening of the term. We hoped when he left to be able to resume his studies.

In regard to the conduct of the students, their walk so far as we know, has been consistent, their prayer meetings have been well attended, and many of them have been active in Sabbath schools, and other similar associations. That more of the graduating class are expecting to go to the Foreign Missionary field is doubtless owing to the fact that Home are not provided for sending them

as are already waiting to be sent out.
[illegible] have been made by [illegible] to secure portraits of all the deceased professors of the Seminary. Those of Drs Livingston, Cannon, and Van Vranken are already suspended in the Chapel. The last was given by the First Church of Freehold, of which Dr Van Vranken was formerly pastor. The donation was secured through the efforts of Rev. Mr Willis, the present pastor of the Church, who would seem to call for some action on the part of the Board. We would call the attention of the Superintendents to the fact that during the past year the Hon James Wilson, who donated to General Synod nearly all the land upon which the Hall stands, with the surrounding grounds, has deceased. Should the Board see proper to take special notice of his death, it would no doubt be gratifying to his family and friends.

In conclusion we desire to record our thanks to our Covenant God, who has helped us hitherto, that our ranks have not been invaded by death, for the measure he has given us of his Spirit, and that he is permitting us to look forward with hope to the future.

Wm H. Campbell
S. M. Woodbridge
P. F. Berg

New Brunswick
May 17. 1862

Art VII

Examinations

The examinations were conducted in the following manner.

1. The Rev. Dr Berg examined the Senior and middle classes in Didactic & Polemic Theology on Tuesday afternoon commencing at 1/4 to 3 & closing at 5, 1/2 Pell.

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2. The Rev. Dr Campbell examined the Senior, Junior & Middle classes in Hebrew, and the Middle class in Greek, on Wednesday morning commencing at 9 o'clock & closing at 12 M.

3 Rev. Dr. Woodbridge examined the Senior & Middle Classes in Ecclesiastical History, the Senior Class in Church Government and Pastoral Theology, and the Junior Class in Sacred History, on Wednesday afternoon.

4. On Wednesday evening the members of the Senior Class were examined in the composition and delivery of sermons.

5 On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock the Seniors were examined on personal piety and their views in entering the ministry.

The students of the several classes were questioned as to the law of General Synod in the subject of preaching. The question proposed was, Have you transgressed the law of General Synod? All answered in the negative.

On motion it was

Resolved, that the examinations of the Senior Class be sustained, and that they all be recommended to the Faculty for their Professional Certificates.

Resolved, also, that the examinations of the Middle and Junior Classes be sustained.

In connection with the examination the following resolution was adopted,

Resolved, That Solomon J. [illegible], William P. Labrishie, and Nathan M. Sherwood, of the Junior Class, be notified that this Board can extend to them no hope

of being sustained in their next yearly examination, unless they exhibit a degree of scholarship far in advance of that which they have exhibited during the past year.

Resolved, That the Faculty be requested to notify these gentlemen of the action of this Board.

Art VIII

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the reception of students presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents, in connection with the Professors of the Theological Seminary, met in Hertzog Hall, Sept. 20. and organized by the appointment of Rev John De Witt, D.D. as Chairman, & Rev. John D. Manning Secretary.

The following young men presented themselves for examination for the purpose of being admitted to the Seminary.

Benjamin A Bartholf	C. D. Hartranft
J. D. N. Bodine	A. M. Quick
J. W. Borst	Nathan M. Sherwood
D. Brock	W. B. Van Benschoten
Solomon J. Cole	Wm M. Van Wagenen
J. J. Dusenberre	Thornton Van Vliet
John Garretson	James Wyckoff

Wm Pell Labiskie

Each of these young men was examined in regard to personal piety and views of entering the Ministry. It was resolved that they be received as members of the Junior Class.

On motion it was

Resolved, That it be required of Mr Blomon

J Cole that he endeavor, by private study, to make up his deficiency in the Latin and Greek languages, also the Mathematics, and that the Professors be requested to inquire whether this requisition is obeyed.

Resolved, That the Professors be authorized to act upon applications for admission to the Seminary after the Committee has adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev H. D. Gause

John H. Manning
Clerk

Report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report that they find nothing in the minutes of Synod inviting our attention, except a resolution on the 80th page, confirming the interpretation of the law of 1858 on the subject of students preaching, which the Board of Superintendents adopted at its session in 1861

John De Witt
Chairman

Report of the Committee on Professorial Report

The Committee on the Professorial report respectfully state that the Faculty of the Theological Seminary present a very gratifying account of the condition of the institution, and of the conduct of the students. As their report will be inserted in full on the minutes of the Board, we shall remark only upon those matters which require action.

In relation to the case of Mr T. Romeyn Beck

We are of opinion that the statement of the Faculty together with the admirable manner in which he has sustained his examinations in all its departments, renders it proper that he should receive his Professional certificate with no delay. It does not appear to your committee that a dispensation from the General Synod is necessary, and we therefore suggest the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That Mr J. Romeyn Beck be recommended to the Faculty for the usual Professional certificate, with the rest of the graduating class.

2. Although Mr Brandt was absent from the last annual examination, in consequence of his service in the army, yet inasmuch as he has been present at the duties of the Seminary during the Senior year, and has at the present examination sustained himself creditably on all the prescribed studies, and is well reported of by the Faculty, we suggest that no further action is necessary in the case.

The Committee notice with great satisfaction the efforts of the Faculty to procure portraits of all the deceased professors of the Seminary, and we cordially commend this praiseworthy tribute of affection to our sainted dead to the co-operation of all the friends of the Church and of this "School of the Prophets."

An admirable likeness of the late Rev. Tunis Franken has been presented by the First Church of Freehold of which for many years he was the pastor.

We recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board of

superintendents are hereby returned to the First Church of Fredericton, and to the Rev. Ralph Phillips, its pastor, for the excellent portrait of the late Rev. Dr. Tim Frankin, which through their affectionate liberality now adorns the walls of the Chapel of the Peter Hertzog Hall.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk communicate a certified copy of this action to the donors.

Respecting the recent decease of the Hon. James Neilson of this city the following action is respectfully recommended.

Resolved, that this Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary have received with sincere regret the announcement of the death of the late Hon. James Neilson, whose timely and munificent gift of nearly all the land on which the Theological Hall is located, has rendered his name among the permanent benefactors of the Seminary and the church.

Resolved, that we also hereby express our Christian sympathy with the bereaved family of the deceased in their loss of one whose domestic worth and public services have adorned his name with many honors.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk transmit a certified copy of this action to the family of Mr Neilson, and that the same be published in the Christian Intelligencer, and the New Brunswick Dominion.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. J. R. Taylor, Clk

The committee on the synodical report presented the following, which was adopted and ordered to be sent to General Synod.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the Chapel of Peter Stuyvesant Hall, on Tuesday, May 20th, 1862, at 12 o'clock M. and adjourned on Thursday, at 5 o'clock, P.M. The Rev John Garretson D.D President of the last meeting, opened the session with prayer. The following members were present.

(See Art II)

The following Classes were not represented, viz: Paramus, Schenectady, Michigan, Holland, Wisconsin, Orsel, and Pennsylvania. The Classis of Wisconsin has had no representative appointed for several years.

The seats of the following members became vacant, and are to be filled at this meeting of General Synod, viz. H. D. Gause, Wm Demarest, John Cosman DD John Garretson DD. Wm E. Turner, Benj. E. Lippincott, and Peter G. Oggen.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Gustavus Steel, DD, President, and Rev John Steel, Clerk. The sermon was preached on the evening of the first day of the session by the Rev. John Garretson DD. from Ezek. 2:5. The address to the students was delivered at the close of the examinations on Thursday, by Rev. H. D. Gause.

From the report of the Faculty it appeared that the following students have been in attendance during the past year.

(See Communication from the Faculty)
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Abraham Thompson, resident licentiate; total 55.
Mr Brewer, of the Senior Class, was absent from the last examination, having been in the army. He resumed his class not long after the opening of the Seminary in September last.
Of the Senior Class Mr Van Vliet was compelled by ill health to leave almost immediately after the opening of the term, when he hoped to be able to resume his studies.
The Faculty state that the conduct of the students, as far known to them, has been consistent with their relations to the Church of God; that meetings for prayer have been well attended, and that many of them have been active in Sabbath Schools, and other such associations.
That some of the graduating class are expecting to go to the Foreign Missionary field is doubtless owing to the fact that means are not provided for sending such as already are waiting to be sent out.
The examinations were well sustained by the students, and afforded evidence of the ability and fidelity of the Professors.
The members of the Senior class were heard in the delivery of specimen sermons, and were also examined on personal religion and their views in entering the Gospel Ministry. Their examinations were approved, and they were all unanimously recommended to the Faculty for their Professional certificates.
All the students of the Seminary were interrogated, in obedience to the requisition of Synod, on the Confession

of preaching, when it was found that there had been no violations of the law of Synod. The committee notice with great satisfaction the efforts of the Faculty to procure portraits of all the deceased professors of the Seminary, and we cordially recommend this praiseworthy tribute of affection to our sainted dead, to the co-operation of all the friends of the Church and the "School of the Prophets".

An admirable likeness of the late Professor Van Ranken has been presented by the First Church of Freehold, of which for twenty years he was pastor. We suggest the adoption of the following resolution –

(See Report of Com. on Referred Report p. 351)

The following action was taken in reference to the death of the Hon. James Wilson of New Brunswick. (See Report of Com. on Prof. Report p. 352)

The attention of Synod is invited to the following resolution –

Resolved, That the General Synod be respectfully requested to rescind that part of the 2nd section of the second article of the plan of the Theological School, adopted June 1828, by which a sermon is required to be preached by a member of the Board during each of its sessions.

In concluding this report the Committee gratefully record that continued evidence has been given of prosperity in our "School of the Prophets", which ought to recommend the Seminary to the affection, confidence, and liberality of the Churches.

John Garretson
Chairman

Art. IX

Applications for beneficiary aid.

Nothing occurred.

Art X

Particularia

Rev John Forman D.D., and Rev John Garretson D.D. were appointed a committee to wait on the Faculty and make arrangements for the examinations.

On motion it was resolved that the same hours for meeting and adjournment as adopted last year be adopted for the present sessions of the Board, viz: for meeting 9 A.M. and 2½ P.M., for adjournment 12 M. and 5½ P.M.

The sermon before the Board was preached on the morning of the first day of the session, in the First Reformed Dutch Church, by Rev John Garretson D.D. from Ezekiel 2:5.

The address to the students was delivered by Rev. Wm D. Veenschoten, in the Chapel, on Thursday at a quarter to 12 o'clock.

The Rev. Wm. Sutton D.D. was elected to preach the sermon next year, and the Rev J. C. Messick D.D. his secondus.

The Rev. D.D. Demarest was elected to deliver the address to the students and the Rev. John W. Manning his secondus.

It was resolved that the sermon next year be preached in the Chapel [illegible]

Resolved, That the Synod be respectfully requested to rescind that part of the 2nd Section of the 2nd Article of the Plan of the Theological School, adopted June 1828, by which a sermon is required to be preached by a member of the Board during each of its sessions.

Resolved, That in the unanimous judgment of this Board the site selected for the London monument is not well adapted to secure either the appropriety of the grounds, or the best effect of the monument itself, and that the Committee who have located it be respectfully requested to remove it to a new site to be selected by themselves in connection with the ~~Faculty~~ Professors.

Resolved, that the Committee on the reception of students meet on Friday, Sept 19th 1862

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be returned to the families of this City who have generously entertained its members during its sessions.

Act XI

Resumption and close

The Minutes were read and approved.

Act XII

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President.

Gustavus Abel
President

P.D.P. [illegible]
Stated Clerk

Charles Scott
Clerk Pro Tem.

1863.

The Board of Trustees met in the Chapel of Rutgers Hall on Tuesday May 19th 1863 at 12 o'clock M. and continued its sittings until Thursday afternoon.

In the absence of the last President the Rev. Albert Nevins was appointed temporary chairman and opened the meeting with prayer.

At 2

Members present

Rev John Simonson	from the Classis of	Albany
" Nelson Ingalls	"	Cayuga
" H. N. Zabriskie		Greene
" J. L. de Witt		Kingston
" J. H. Manning	South "	Long Island
" Wm Riley D.D.		Monmouth
" Joseph Kniekern		Montgomery
" John De Witt D.D.		New Brunswick
" Peter Stryker		New York
" M. V. Hutton	South "	New York
" Charles Scott		Orange
" Isaac D. Cole		Paramus
" J. R. Taylor D.D.		Philadelphia
" Simeon Van Vechten		Poughkeepsie
" Albert Fonda		Rensselaer
" H. C. Raymond		Schoharie
" C. L. Van Dyke		Ulster
" James Bolton		Westchester

Election of Officers

Rev. Albert Stevens was elected President, and Rev. John Blackmann Clerk pro tem.

Oct. 4

Reading of Minutes and Rules

The Minutes of last session were read. The Rules were read.

Oct. 5

Standing Committees

On reception of students	Rev John D. Manning " C. L. Van Dyke " Peter Stryker " Charles Scott Theological Professors
On the Professorial Report	Rev. H. V. Fenton D.D. " John Summerville " John De Witt D.D.
On Minutes	Rev. Isaac D. Cole " Joseph Kinnaman " Wm. Riley D.D.
On the Synodical Report	Rev. J. L. McClair " William Scouten " Joseph Kinnaman

Oct. 6

Communications

The following communication was received in reply to a resolution of the Board adopted last year in relation to the removal of the Van Vechten Monument, and named in the committee's general report.

New York July 23/62

Rev. Dr. Van Clef, Clerk R. D. Board of Superintendents

Sir: I am directed by the Board of Trustees

meeting in the Joudbee Monument
of 2nd prize last was held this day.
The Committee on the "Joudbee Monument"
was created by General Synod, the follow-
its instructions of 1861 - see its proceedings
1861, pages 84, 85. We make our final
report to same body in prize last, and
consider ourselves discharged from fur-
ther duty. Very respectfully,

Thos. C. Darrow
Chm. of Com.

The following communication was re-
ceived from the Theological Faculty which
was read and referred to the Committee
the Professorial Report.

To the Board of Su-
perintendents of the Theological Seminary
The Faculty respectfully report that the
following gentlemen have during the
past year been members of the Institu-
tion.

Senior Class.

W. H. Ballagh	W. J. Skillman
J. W. Beardslee	Livingston Vermilye
J. M. Bogardus	H. M. Vorhees
W. E. Bogardus	W. B. Vorhees
R. De Witt	C. M. Wilson
J. W. Geyer	Egbert Wurster
A. F. Hageman	J. L. Lahiere
J. H. Kuyten	J. H. Van Doren
James Lydell	
W. H. Phraner	15

Middle Class

B. V. Barthol	D. Brick
J. L. Bodine	J. T. Cole
J. N. Borst	J. J. Luzenberg

John Garretson — H. B. Van Buskirk
C. S. Hartwell — James Wyckoff
J. M. Luick — H. P. Zabriskie
J. Van Vleet

Junior Class 13

W. H. Anderson — H. B. Everitt
[illegible] — [illegible]
J. H. Brush — J. F. A. Schenck
Peter Duprell — [illegible] Sebring
J. H. Garretson — B. T. Stateler
C. H. Stitt — J. W. Strong
Oscar Greene — E. Van Hyke
H. H. Horton — H. [illegible] Vroom
John Justice — D. B. Wyckoff
P. Zepelta R — J. H. Wells

Whole number 51 21

In addition to the gentlemen named as members of the Junior Class, the exercises of the Junior term have been attended by H. J. Schlieder, to whom this permission was granted, although the Faculty declined recognizing him in a general as a member of the Class, because at the time of his application his attainments were not such as to entitle him to that privilege, in accordance with the rules of the [illegible] which requires that every person admitted into the university shall possess as a [illegible] of his scholarship a diploma from some college, or possess attainments equivalent to it. Mr. Schlieder has proved to be a good student, and the Faculty would unanimously recommend that in view of his age, fidelity, diligence, and attainments, he be permitted to pursue his studies as a recognised member of the Institution, and that a dispensation to this effect be granted by the Board. Mr Van Doren, a member of the Jun-

in Class enlisted as a private in one of the
party regiments during the last summer
vacation, and has been absent in consequ-
ence from the Seminary. Whatever
may be the opinion respecting the expediency
of this step, the Faculty have no doubt that
Mr Van Doren was actuated by a motive of
lofty patriotism, and that he came to the
determination to enter the army as a vol-
unteer deliberately and from a conscien-
tious conviction of duty. It was his inten-
tion to resume his studies at the opening
of the next term, in the coming autumn.
Mr Van Vliet of the Middle Class who has
suffered during his junior year from sickness,
was compelled by confirmed ill health
to abandon his studies in the Seminary and
turn his attention to some other calling.
Mr. Ripps of the junior Class has been absent since
the beginning of the session owing to pecuni-
ary embarrassments, and Mr Th. P. Tabris-
kie* of the Middle Class owing in part to the
sickness and death of relatives has been absent
from the institution so frequently, and for pe-
riods so protracted, that his progress has been
very seriously retarded. It is understood that
he will not be present at the examination,
having left the institution some weeks ago.
General: the graduating class are anxious to
employ in the Foreign field and are await-
ing the action of the Board of Foreign Mission.
We are happy to be able to report
that the general health of the students has been
good, and that absences owing to ill health
have been neither frequent nor of long con-
tinuance. No cases of discipline have occurred

* Mr Tabriskie was present.

opening the action of the Faculty, neither have any complaints been made respecting the general conduct of the students. We can accede with gratitude to our covenant God that among the graduating Class there are not a few whose spirit we can warrants the belief that they will be eminently useful and successful in the Ministry, and our hope concerning them is that they will prove themselves workmen that need not be ashamed. We look forward with confidence to a continuance of the divine power and blessing and give thanks to God for past mercies, & for the signs of promise which encourage us in the future.

An addition has been made to the number of the portraits of Learned Professors of the Seminary, in a likeness of Dr Sueddo, presented by a lady through Dr Campbell for which the thanks of the Board are due to the donor. The Faculty regret that through an oversight the acknowledgment of the generous donation of 580 volumes, comprising the most valuable part of the Rev Dr Van Rensselaer's library was not noticed in the last annual report. The thanks of the Synod are due to the donors, Mrs Mary Van Rensselaer, Mrs Frances Holmes and Mrs Genevieve Van Rensselaer for this important addition to the library of the Theological Seminary.

Wm H Campbell
J. M. Wood
Joseph H. Berg

A communication was received from the Classis of Geneva conveying the following resolution — Resolved that the Rev. J. N. Johnson, the member of the Board of Superintendents of our Theological Seminary from this Classis, be requested to repre-

sent the Classis for the present year, if consistent with the regulations of that body."
In the notice of General Synod of 1857 (p. 24 vol. 7) forbids any person to take a seat in the Board who is not at the time being a member of the Classis for which he was elected. Mr. Schenck being now a member of the Classis of N. Brunswick, could not be admitted as a member of the Board.

Art. 7

Examinations

The examinations were conducted in the following order

1. Professor Berg occupied the afternoon of Monday in examining the Middle and Senior Classes in Didactic Theology.

2. Professor Campbell occupied Tuesday morning. The Junior Class was examined in Hebrew and Jahn's Archaeology. The Middle and Senior Classes were examined together in Exegesis and Biblical Literature. The Middle Class was examined in Greek from the Epistle to the Hebrews

3. Professor Woodbridge, on Wednesday forenoon examined the Junior Class in Sacred History, the Middle Class in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church History, Church government and Pastoral Theology.

4. The Seniors were examined in the Composition and delivery of sermons on Wednesday afternoon, and were at the same time interrogated as to whether they had read the Law of the General Synod on the subject of preaching. All had studied the law except

Mr. P. L. Zabriskie who has been transgressed, although inadvertently. The Board therefore, ~~[illegible]~~ Whereas Mr. Zabriskie answers that he has once violated the Law of Synod in relation to preaching, but did it unintentionally and in ignorance that he be excused by this Board.

The members of the Senior and Middle classes with one or two exceptions, gave their sermons on the table. They were also interrogated as to having observed the Rule of Synod on the subject of preaching, and all answered affirmatively.

In reference to the examinations the following resolutions were adopted –

Resolved That the examinations of all the members of the senior class (except James Lyell, he dismissed, and that they be recommended to the Synod for their Personal certificates.

Resolved, That it be recommended to Mr. James Lyell to spend another year in the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the examinations of the Old texts of the Middle & Junior classes be sustained, with the exception of Mr. W. P. Zabriskie referred to in the report of the Committee on the Professional Report, viz.

Art. 8

Reports of Committees

The committee on the reception of students presented the following, which was accepted & adopted.

Hackensack Sept 17. 1842

Committee met at 12 M. Present Wm. Neilly D.D. and the Theological Faculty. Dr Neilly was chosen Chairman and Dr Berg clerk. Opened with prayer by the Chairman. The following gentlemen presented themselves for admission to the seminary

W. H. Anderson Cornelius Scott

[illegible]

Report of Committee on Seminary report

The committee to whom was referred the annual Report of the Professors beg leave to state that they have examined the paper placed in their hands, and find the following items requiring the attention of the Board.

First the case of Mr Schlieder who has unjustifiably attended the recitations of the junior class. Professors state that from his not possessing the literary qualifications required by General Synod he could not be admitted as a regular member of the Seminary. The Professors however speak of him in the highest terms, and your committee would recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that this Board cordially unite with the Professors in recommending to General Synod that Mr Schlieder in view of his age, piety, diligence, and all circumstances be permitted to pursue his studies as a recognized member of the Seminary, and that a respectful petition to this effect be presented to Synod.

With respect to Mr Fabrice Rice of the Middle class, your committee recommend the following.

Resolved: That he be not allowed to proceed with his class unless, in the judgment of the Professors, he will in a great degree have made up the deficiencies caused by his absence from the recitations of the past year.

Your committee would further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, That the Board rejoice to be able to add to the portraits which already adorn the walls of the Chapel that of Rev Dr Judson, and desire to render their sincere thanks to the kind donor

resolved, that the important and valuable addition to the Library of five hundred and fifty volumes comprising the most valuable part of the Dr. Van Rensselaer's Library which was so generously made last year by Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Miss Frances Rebecca Van Rensselaer and Mr. Houseworth Van Rensselaer deserves the warmest acknowledgement and the sincerest thanks of Genl. Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted

W. J. Hutton

Chm.

Report of the Com. on Medical Report

The Committee on Hygienical etc. Medicine offered the following which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be sent to General Synod.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall on Tuesday, May 1, 1863 at 12 o'clock M. The President of the last meeting being absent Rev. Albert Vinton was appointed President pro tem. who opened the meeting with prayer. The following members were present.

(see Roll No 2)

The following Classes were represented at this meeting viz.

Great Bergen, South Bergen, Geneva, Holland, Hudson, Illinois, Long Island, Michigan, New Brunswick, Raritan, Orange, Schenectady, and Wisconsin 14

The seats of the following men were become vacant by the graduation of their terms of service at the last meeting of General Synod.

John Simonson
W. M. Hallock

D. Manning
L. Meeker

Joseph Kennedy — Thos. J. Pryer D.D.
John Pratt D.D. — Alpheus Lee
H. V. Hutton D.D. — John H. Cheever D.D.
R. S. Savage — Isaac V. Duryea

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Albert Barnes as President, Rev. John H. Hemmin Clerk.

From the report of the Faculty it appears that the following has been the attendance of students at the seminary during the past year.

(See Professors Report, vol 5. p. 360)

Mr Van Doren of the Junior Class enlisted as a private in the army during the last summer and has not therefore been in attendance at the seminary during the year. Mr Rogers of the Middle Class has been absent by permission. Mr Van Vleet of the Middle Class, left the institution in November last on account of confirmed ill health. Mr N. P. Lakeriskie of the Middle Class has been frequently unable for long periods absent, mainly in consequence of the sickness and death of his relatives. The Board directed the following minute in reference to Mr Lakeriskie.

Resolved, That he be not allowed to proceed with his class unless in the judgment of the professors, he shall in a great degree make up the deficiencies caused by his absence from the recitations of the last year.

With the above exceptions the Faculty report that the attendance, general conduct and health of the students have been good. Mr W. Schlieder has attended the recitations of the Junior Class but could not be admitted

as a member of the seminary for the ensuing three years, in accordance with the regulations required by the General Synod. The Professors have spoken of him in the highest terms and recommend him to General Synod in the first to this Board, for a dispensation. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the Board cordially unite with the Professors in recommending to General Synod, that on account of his age, piety, diligence and attainments, he permit him to pursue his studies as a recognised member of the Seminary, and that a recommendation to this effect be made by Synod.

The Board with pleasure the fact that two of the Senior Class have devoted themselves to the work of foreign missions.

The German nations were well studied by the students, and appear a standard evidence of the ability and fidelity of the Professors.

The members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of specimen sermons, and were examined on personal piety, and their views in entering the ministry. The examination was sustained with one exception and the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that the examination of the members of the Senior Class sustained with the exception of James Lyell, and that he be recommended to the Theological Faculty for their Rejection as a candidate.

Resolved that it be recommended to Mr James Lyell to remain another year in the Theological Seminary.

Call the students to order

Devotedness in service to the Lord of Zion, at hymn in the duties of preaching, are the Board are sorry to report that this has been one viola-tion. A Member of the Junior Class so Knowing-ly that he had intoxicating drink in his possession violated the law on one occasion. Under these circumstances it was Resolved that no action be taken.

In accordance with the late Professor Lud-low has been presented by a lady through Professor Campbell. The following resolution was adopted in relation it, viz.

Resolved That the Board rejoice to be able to add to the portraits which already adorn the walls of the chapel that of the Rev. Dr Ludlow, and desire to render their sincere thanks to the kind donor.

The Faculty also have been glad that through an oversight the acknowledgement of the gen-erous donation of five hundred and eighty volumes, comprising the most valuable part of the late Professor Van Rensselaer's library was not noticed in the last annual report. The following resolution was adopted, viz.

Resolved, that the important and valuable addition to the library of five hundred and eighty volumes, comprising the most valu-able part of Rev. Dr Van Rensselaer's library, and which was so generously made last year by his sons Van Rensselaer, Mr Francis Rolines, and Miss Wisewoll Van Rensselaer, demands the warm acknowledgments, and the sincere thanks of the General Synod.

At the close of the examination the address to the students was delivered by Rev. Dr [illegible]

A communication was received from J. A. Lorenus Esq. in reply to a resolution of last year requesting the Committee on the Judson Monument to select a new site and remove it, informing the Board that the Committee had made their final report and were discharged, whereupon it was

Resolved, that the following resolution passed last year by the Board be referred to General Synod, viz.

Resolved, That in the unanimous judgement of this Board the site selected for the Judson Monument is not well adapted to secure either the symmetry of the grounds or the best effect of the Monument itself, and that the Committee who have located it be respectfully requested to remove it to a new site to be selected by them selves in connection with the Professors.

In concluding this report the Board would unite in their heart, thanks to the great head of the church for his favor to our institution, and at the same time commend it to the prayers and efforts of the whole church for its continued prosperity and usefulness.

J. L. McVoir
Chn

Art. 9
Applications for beneficiary aid
Nothing occurred.

Art. 10
Particular

Rev John De Witt DD. and Rev. Peter Stryker were appointed a committee to wait on the Faculty, and make arrangements for the Examinations.

On motion it was resolved that the hours

of meeting and adjournment be the same as last year, viz. the Board shall meet at 9 A.M. and at 2½ P.M. and adjourn at 12 M. and at 5½ P.M.

Rev Peter Stryker was elected Primarius, and Rev. Charles Scott recommended to deliver the address to the students next year.

Resolved that the Faculty be requested to notify the students before hand that they are not to leave town until regularly dismissed by the Board of superintendents.

Resolved, that Rev. Samuel Van Rechter and Rev Peter Stryker be requested to prepare a digest of the rules passed by Seminary and for the government of the Board of superintendents, and report such digest at the next meeting of the Board, and that they be authorized also to make additional suggestions.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Board be returned to the families of this city who have kindly entertained its members during their stay in this city.

Oct. 11

Examination and close

The minutes were read and approved

Oct. 12

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by Rev Samuel Van Rechter

C. Irwin
President

John H. Manning
Clerk pro tem

R. D. Van Clief Stated Clerk

1864

The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Drew Hall on the third Tuesday (17th) of May at 11 3/4 o'clock A.M. and continued its sessions until Thursday morning at 12 o'clock.

The President of the last session, Rev. Elbert Nevius took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present.

Members Present

Classis of Bergen	Rev. Leopold Mohn
South Classis of Bergen	Rev. B. C. Taylor D.D.
Geneva	" George I. Van Nest.
Hudson	" D. D. Demarest D.D.
Kingston	" John L. Mc Nair
South " Long Island	" N. P. Pierce
Monmouth "	" Wm. Riley D.D.
[illegible]	" L. H. Van [illegible]
New York	" Peter [illegible]
Orange	" Charles Scott
Paramus	" Isaac D. Cole
Passaic	" John C. Cruikshank
Poughkeepsie	" Charles I. Hagaman DD
[illegible]	" James L. Force
[illegible]	" Elbert Nevius
Saratoga	" John Steele
Schoharie	" D. A. Raymond
Ulster	" C. L. Van Dyke
Westchester	" [illegible] Colton

Art 3

Election of Officers

Rev D. D. Demarest D.D. was elected President, and Rev John L. McVain Clerk pro tem.

Art 4.

Reading of the Minutes and Rules

The minutes of the last meeting was read. The Rules were read.

Art. 5.

Standing Committees

1. On Adoption of Students
   Rev. B. C. Taylor D.D.
   " [illegible]
   "
   "
   " the Theological Faculty

2. On the Professorial Report
   Rev. Charles E. H
   " [illegible] I. Van Nest
   " Peter Stryker

3. On Synodical Minutes
   Rev Wm Reiley
   " N. [illegible] Rice
   " L. H. Van Dyck

4. On Synoxical Report
   Rev E. J. Hageman
   E. L. Van Dyck
   " E. J. Levins

Art 6

Communications

A Communication was received from the Students of the Seminary Committee of Resolutions concerning the death of John W. Borst, a member of the Senior Class, which was ordered to be noted on the Minutes and placed [illegible]

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty and referred to the Committee on the Professorial Report.

New Brunswick May 12, 1864

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

The Theological Faculty beg leave to present their annual report as follows.

The following persons have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution during the past year.

Senior Class

Benjamin A. Barthoff	John Garretson
L. DeWitt Bodine	Chester D. Hartranft
John W. Borst	Abraham Messler Leick
D. Broek	W. B. Van Benschoten
Solomon J. Cole	J. Howard Van Doren
Thomas S. Duseubure	Wm. M. Van Waagonen

James Wyckoff 13

Middle Class

W. H. Anderson	W. B. Merritt
Cornelius Brett	J. V. T. Schenck
A. H. Brush	Frederick E. Schlieder
Peter De Pree	Elbert V. Sebring
J. M. Doremus	Benjamin J. Stavern
E. W. Fritts	Selah W. Strong
Oscar Gesner	Ernest Van Alkke
F. W. Horton	W. W. Vroom
John Justin	J. W. Wells
P. Lepeltak	J. B. Wyckoff 20

Junior Class

A. N. Freelarius	E. Christian Uggell
W. H. Brush	Charles W. Pool
M. Riekintveld	Charles H. Riggs
Adrian Rickaard	George Seibert
George A. Mills	William Smith

John H. Snock — Henry Ritterbock
George W. Swain — Joseph M. Vile
A. Wyckoff — 15

Total 48

In this number we are sadly announce that one death has occurred. Mr L. W. Bost of the Senior Class was obliged to leave the Institution about the middle of the Theological year, on account of declining health. He still labored faithfully in hope of being examined and licensed with his class. But on the 3d inst. his labors closed on the threshold of the ministry. Though his fond desire to preach the Gospel to the heathen was not to be gratified, he died triumphantly in the hope of the gospel. Respected and beloved by his instructors & fellow students, his memory is blessed.

Mr Bartram of the Senior Class has pursued his studies with diligence and with the highest satisfaction to every member of the Faculty until very nearly the close of the year when interrupted by serious illness. His present condition is such that it will not be safe for him to attend the examination, but we trust he will be recommended to receive the Professional certificate with the members of his class.

Mr Riggs of the Junior Class was obliged to suspend his studies for the ministry on account of the death of his father, leaving a helpless family dependent on him for support.

The only remaining individual case requiring mention is that of Mr Smith of the Junior Class. We simply give an extract from our book of minutes leaving it to the Board to take such action in the premises as they deem proper.

March 15 1864. The meeting was called by the President in order to take into consideration the reports respecting the immoral conduct of Mr William Smith, a member of the Junior Class in the Theological Seminary. Mr Smith appeared before the Faculty and stated as

follows. He acknowledges that during his College course he has been guilty of many acts which cast him near scorn, and of which he has sincerely repented. He confesses that he had been repeatedly intoxicated whilst a student in the College pursuing his preparatory studies, but denies that he has ever tasted spirituous liquors since entering the Theological Seminary. He states, however, that on one occasion he had taken a glass of ale that had any one seen him and charged him with being intoxicated, he would not deny the accusation, but that in his own judgment he was nevertheless not intoxicated."

Minutes of March 17, 1864

"Having become persuaded by a careful investigation of facts connected with Mr Smith's College immoral conduct, that he is unworthy of a position in the Theological Seminary, the following minute was adopted.—

Whereas Mr Smith by his own admission has repeatedly been guilty of conduct during his career in Rutgers College which would have subjected him to the discipline of the Church had it been known and reported to the proper authorities, and Whereas he has while pursuing his studies preparatory to his course in the Theological Seminary frequently been intoxicated, and whereas had the facts been known to us he could not have been admitted into the Theological Seminary, and whereas since his connection with the latter institution he has been so much under the influence of strong drink that, on one occasion had any one seen him and charged him with intoxication he would not have denied the accusation, and whereas from Mr Smith's antecedents, and from testimony which it is unnecessary to spread on the minutes, the Faculty cannot consistently with their duty to the Church and to the Theological Seminary, extend to Mr Smith the indulgence of further opportunity to acquire the confidence which he has forfeited, therefore

Resolved Unanimously, That Mr Smith be

formed that he can no longer be regarded as a student in the Theological Seminary, and that he is hereby dismissed.

Mr Smith, upon being informed of this action of the Faculty requested an opportunity of meeting them, which was afforded him the same evening. He expressed his sorrow for his sin, acknowledged the justice of the decision in his case, but implored the Faculty to consider that his confession has been voluntary, and that his offences had been committed before his admission into the Seminary. After Mr Smith's withdrawal, in order that the case might be submitted to further consideration, it was

Resolved That Mr Smith be directed to make his confession to the Consistory of the First Church of Newark, of which he is a member, and that our action in the premises be controlled by their decision, subject to the supervision of the Board of Superintendents.

At a later date a communication was received from the Pastor of the 1st Church of Newark stating that the Consistory, having considered his case had resolved to admonish him, and that they had recommended to the Theological Faculty to give him a further trial. Accordingly Mr Smith was permitted to continue his studies with his class, leaving it with the Board of Superintendents if they see fit, to restore him to full standing in the Seminary.

The Faculty are happy in being able to report favorably of the general diligence in study & consistency in deportment of the members of the Seminary. In these respects it has been a year of great satisfaction to us.

The course of study pursued has not varied materially from former years, excepting in the addition of a course of lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism to the Senior Class by the Professor of Didactic Theology, which we deem very important to an adequate preparation for the ministry in the Reformed Dutch Church. It may be added that during the progress of these lectures the Class committed the Catechism to memory

We have added to our appliances for the comfort of the students in Hertzog Hall a large and commodious Reading Room which, through the joint efforts of Professors and students has been supplied with the most valuable periodicals, American and Foreign. This constitutes a pleasant and profitable place of resort during leisure hours.

We think it proper to notice in our annual Report the liberality of a friend of the Theological Seminary in the Collegiate Church of New York in the generous gift of $300 to enable us to reduce the expenses of students roaming in Hertzog Hall, which at the present high prices of coal must have been very burdensome, but with this assistance they have been lower than in any previous year.

In conclusion we feel constrained to acknowledge with gratitude the loving kindness and faithfulness of our gracious God and Father to us, and to the institution committed to our charge, and to express our trust that his grace will not be wanting in all our future efforts to train up a ministry for his church.

John De Witt.
D. M. Woodbridge.
Joseph F. Berg.

A communication was received from Messrs De Price & Lepeltak of the Middle and Messrs Ogden, Utterwyck & Kikentweit of the Junior Class, asking to be permitted to leave the City on Wednesday evening at the close of their examinations in order to reach their homes in the West before the Sabbath, stating also that they had obeyed the law relating to students preaching. Their request was granted.

A communication was received from Rev. J. N. Van Doren giving a reason for his inability to attend the present meeting of the Board.

Examinations

The examinations were conducted in the following order.

1. On Tuesday afternoon Prof. Berg examined the Senior and Middle Classes in Didactic Theology.
On Wednesday Evening the Seniors were heard in the delivery of sermons, after which they were questioned as to whether they had obeyed the rule of Synod on the subject of preaching, and all answered affirmatively.

2. On Wednesday morning Professor De Witt examined the juniors on Hebrew Grammar & reading, and in Archaeology, and the Senior and Middle Classes together on Hebrew, reading the Messianic Psalms, and portions of the Prophecies of Isaiah.
At the close of these examinations the Middle and Junior Classes were also interrogated as to the Rule of Synod in regard to students preaching, & all had obeyed.

3. On Wednesday afternoon Professor Woodbridge examined the Junior Class in Sacred History, the Middle Class in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology.

The members of the Senior and Middle Classes placed written sermons on the table for inspection.

The juniors were examined also on personal piety and their views in entering the ministry.
Mr Chester D. Hartranft, on account of feeble health was examined privately by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Board. Mr Van Wagenen was absent in the service of the Christian commission and did not apply for examination.
On Motion it was Resolved, That the exam-

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-mations of the General Classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class, except Mr Van Nostrand, be recommended for the usual Professional certificate

Art. 8.

Reports of Committees, acted upon & adopted.

1. The committee on the Reception of Students.

The Committee of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the R. D. Church met for the examination of Students for reception at Hertzog Hall, New Brunswick, on Tuesday September 22d. 1863 at 4 O'clock P. M.

Present

The Theological Faculty, and Rev Messrs John H. Manning, Peter Stryker, Cornelius L. Van Dyke, and Charles Scott.

Rev Peter Stryker was chosen Chairman, and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr Stryker leaving for home his place was filled by Rev John H. Manning. Rev Chas Scott was chosen Secretary.

Resolved, that the graduates of Rutgers College, not now prepared with certificates of church membership procure the same and present them to the Theological Faculty.

The following young gentlemen, all graduates of Rutgers College, after the examination of their credentials, and due inquiry into their religious experience, were admitted into the Theological School, as members of the Junior Class.

Junius Arcularius — George Kiler
[illegible] M. Brush — Wm Smith
Samuel Kirkpatrick — John [illegible]
[illegible] Vanderveer — George W. Swain
E. Christian Oswald — Henry Vitemyer
[illegible] Wood — Joseph M. Vile
Abm N. Vryenhoff

Mr George A. Mills stated that he had spent 3 years in Rutgers College, and had passed his examination in all the branches of study pursued in that institution except Mathematics, for which deficiency he presented a dispensation granted him by the last general Synod. He has, however, no certificate from the Faculty or Trustees of the College.

Resolved, That Mr George A. Mills be received into the Theological School upon his presenting to the Faculty thereof, the certificate of the President of Rutgers College that he completed his College course except in Mathematical studies.

Resolved, That the Theological Faculty be authorized to examine & receive any persons who may apply for admission after the adjournment of this committee.

The minutes were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev Prof. Wood.

C. Scott, Secretary

2. Report of Committee on Professional Report

The Committee on the Professional Report have examined that document and report as follows.

I. The death of Mr John W. Borst, of Senior Class. This young man had almost finished his course, and had hoped, as the end of the labors & prayers of years to enter the Gospel Ministry. The Professors and his fellow students give ample testimony to his worth, and the Board of Superintendence, to on former occasions have marked and approved the creditable manner in which he has sustained his examinations. As a tribute due to his memory, and as a record proper to be placed on our books,

Resolved, That this Board can certify to the uniform good standing of Mr J. W. Borst during his Theological course in the Seminary, and deeply deplore his loss to the church and to the cause of Foreign Missions to which he had consecrated himself.

II. Case of Mr Chester D. Hartranft, of the Senior Class

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It appears to your Committee that Mr [illegible] is a [illegible] ... that he was [illegible] a private communication in his room. It would therefore be proper to take such action. Therefore Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed, of which the President of this Board shall be Chairman, who shall visit [illegible] and institute such communication as they may deem necessary in order to entitle him to the proper certificate.

III. Case of Mr William Smith of the Senior Class.

Mr Smith was placed under censure by the Faculty, [illegible] has been [illegible] with [illegible] subject to the action of this Board, [illegible] at the [illegible] of the 1st Church of [illegible] have placed him under discipline, [illegible] recommended the Faculty to give him another trial, [illegible] as he [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of his [illegible] for his [illegible]. Therefore

Resolved, That Mr William Smith be [illegible] to enjoy the privileges of the Seminary for another year on trial.

Resolved, That the Faculty be fully authorized summarily to dismiss said Student if [illegible] further they find his conduct to be unworthy of his connection with the Seminary.

Some matters are not [illegible] in the report of the Professors which seem to demand the action of this Board.

IV. Case of Mr [illegible] of the Senior Class.

[illegible] The Professors' report [illegible] proposing the [illegible] young gentleman has left the Seminary [illegible] the [illegible] Committee. He has pursued his studies [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of the Professors, [illegible] had been [illegible] for examination. We recommend therefore [illegible] a [illegible] certificate.

V. Case of Mr [illegible] of the Junior Class.

Mr [illegible] was admitted into the Seminary [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

contained that the required certificate was furnished, and therefore he is in regular connection with the junior Class.

VI. Case of Mr Wm P. Labriskie of Middle Class of 1863

The Board at its last meeting passed a resolution defining the conditions on which Mr Labriskie might proceed with his class. It appears that Mr Labriskie never returned, and his connection with the Seminary has therefore ceased.

The Professors notice the establishment of a Reading Room in Lutzow Hall. Your committee deem this a movement in the right direction, calculated to advance the character and reputation of the Seminary, and earnestly hope that the effort may be continued and efficiently sustained.

Some friend has generously donated to the students $300 to be appropriated to the reduction of the expenses of the Students' Hall. This has indeed been help to them in time of need.

Resolved That the thanks of this Board be returned to the kind donor above referred to for the welcome gift to the students at a time when their ordinary expenses have been so much increased.

With the Faculty this Board can join in an expression of thankfulness to God for all his blessings upon our School of the Prophets during the past year.

Respectfully submitted
C. Scott
Chairman

3. Report of Committee on Synodical Minutes

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report, that they find on the Minutes of General Synod, p 329, a favorable response to the request of the Board of Superintendents for such a dispensation of the rules of the Synod, in behalf of Mr Frederick E. Schlieder as will allow him to prosecute his studies in the Seminary, and to enjoy a full standing in his class, notwithstanding his having failed to present sufficient testimonials of his literary acquirements.

Respectfully submitted
Wm Riley Chn

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The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the rules passed by General Synod for the government of the Board of Superintendents reported through one of its members, the Chairman being absent, that nothing had been done. The Committee was continued, with the substitution of the name of B. C. Taylor D.D. in place of Samuel Van Vechten, and the addition of the State Clerk, and instructed to report at the next meeting.

4. Report of the Committee on Synodical report.

The Committee presented the following, which was adopted and ordered to be sent to General Synod.

Report.

The Board of Superintendents met in the chapel of Hutton Hall, Tuesday May 17, at 11 3/4 o'clock A.M. and continued its sessions until Thursday at 11 A.M.

Rev Albert Nevins, President of the last Board opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present.

(See Roll Act 2 p 374)

The following Classes were not represented in the Board viz. Albany, Utica, Cayuga, Greene, Hudson, Illinois, North Classis of Long Island, Michigan, New Brunswick, South Classis of New York, Philadelphia & Schenectady.

The term of office of the following members of the Board Expires at the next meeting of General Synod.

Classis of Utica	Rev Joseph Scudder
" Albany	" Leopold Mohn
" Genesee	" George P. Van Vleck
" Greene	" T. V. Laberiskie
" Hudson	" D. D. Demarest D.D.
" Illinois	Edw P. Livingston
" Michigan	" Wm Bailey
" Monmouth	" Wm Riley D.D.
" Orange	" Charles Scott
" Saratoga	" John Steele

Scituate — Rev. Obed. Raymond
Northchester — " James Bolton

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. S. S. Lem[illegible] as President; and Rev. Pro. L. McVair Clerk pro tem.

From the report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been connected with the Seminary during the past year.

(See. 1866. p. 376)

Mr. S. W. Boardman, of the Senior Class, after a protracted illness, departed this life in the 3d. inst. upon the very threshold of his ministry.

Mr. E. W. Kiggs, of the same Class was obliged to suspend his studies on account of family affliction.

After the examinations were closed the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That the examinations of the several Classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior class, with the exception of Mr. Van Meyenen, who is absent in the Service of the Christian Commission, be recommended for the usual Professional certificate.

Mr. Wm. P. Labrisk, of the Middle Class of 1863, having been allowed by the Board to proceed with his class upon certain conditions, but not having returned, his connection with the Seminary has therefore ceased.

The Board with pleasure notice the establishment of a Reading Room in Hartsey Hall.

Sermons were laid upon the table by all the students except the Junior Class, and the members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of specimen sermons, were examined on personal piety, and their views on entering the ministry.

All the students of the Seminary were interrogated in regard to the law of General Synod on the subject

and the Board are happy to learn that there has been no violation of the Rule.

The examinations were all well sustained, & gave evidence of diligence on the part of the students, & of thoroughness and ability in the Professors.

At the close of the examinations the address to the students was delivered by the Rev. Peter Stryker.

The Board in concluding their report would unite with the Faculty in expressing their thankfulness to God for all his blessings upon our School of the Prophets during the past year.

Charles T. Wagenman Chr

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Applications for beneficiary aid

Nothing occurred.

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Particularia

The Rev Peter Stryker and the Rev J. L. McClain were appointed a committee to wait on the Faculty, and make arrangements for the examinations

On motion Resolved. That the hours of meeting be 9 A.M. and 2 P.M., and of adjournment 12 & 5 P.M.

Rev. C. T. Wagenman DD. was elected Primarius & Rev L. H. Van Dyke secundus to deliver the address next year.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Board be returned to the families of this City who have kindly entertained the members during their stay.

On motion ~~the following~~ preamble & resolution were adopted - Whereas the Collegiate Church in the city of New York has endowed a Professorship of Rhetoric &c in Rutgers College.

Resolved, That that the consistory of said church be requested temporarily to assign the benefit of the above professorship to the Theological Seminary as well as to the College.

The Rev B. C. Taylor DD. Peter Stryker, and the Stated Clerk of the Board were constituted the Committee to pre-

[illegible] a digest of [illegible] the Senate [illegible] the journal of the House of Representatives [illegible] made other suggestions in the subject [illegible] the [illegible] matter.

[illegible] 11.

Adjournment [illegible]

The members [illegible] appeared

[illegible] 12.

Adjournment

The Senate adjourned with prayer by the President

[illegible]

John L. [illegible] Chaplain

[illegible]

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The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Rutgers Hall on the third Tuesday 16th May at 11½ o'clock A.M. and Continued its Sessions until Thursday noon.

The last President being no longer a member of the Board the Rev O. H. Gregory DD was called to the [illegible] and opened the meeting with prayer

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Members present

Classis of Acadia	Rev	Joseph Laidlie
Bergen	"	W. B. Gordon
South Bergen	"	B. C. Taylor
Geneva		George [illegible]
Greene		Cyril Spaulding
Hudson		Charles J. Shepard
Kingston		John L. McNair
Argh. Classis L.I.		C. S. Porter
South " L.I.		C. P. Pierce
Montgomery		L. A. Van Dyke
New Brunswick	"	J. A. Van Doren
New York	"	Peter Stryker
South N.Y.		John B. Steele
Orange	"	Edw. W. Beatty
Paramus		John T. Demarest
Passaic	"	John G. Fairchild
Philadelphia	"	Gabriel Ludlow
Poughkeepsie	"	Chas. T. Hageman
Raritan		
Saratoga		O. H. Gregory
Schoharie	"	Edw. Miller
Ulster	"	G. L. Van Dyke
Westchester	"	A. J. Stewart
Rensselaer	"	Elbert Nevius

Act 3

Election of Officers

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory was elected President, and Rev. Charles S. Shepard Clerk pro tem.

Act 4.

Reading of the Minutes and Rules

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. The Rules were read.

Act 5

Standing Committees

The following were appointed

1. On reception of Students
   Rev. G. S. Van Doren
   " Ralph Cudder
   " C. Taylor
   " J. Stewart

2. On the Personal Report
   Rev. C. V. Porter
   " J. H. Van Dyke
   " J. Vice Chair

3. On the Synodical Report
   Rev. W. K. Gordon
   " C. Spaulding
   " B. C. Taylor

4. On Synodical Minutes
   Rev. A. P. Pierce
   " Peter Stryker
   " [illegible] Kshank

Act 6

Communication

The following communication was received from the Faculty and referred to the Committee on the Personal Report.

[illegible] of the Theo-
[illegible] Rut[illegible] Dutch
[illegible] Reformed Church
[illegible] following.

[illegible] following persons have been in attendance
[illegible] exercises of the institution during the
past year

Senior Class

W. A. Anderson
[illegible]
[illegible] Brush
Peter De Pree
[illegible] Doremus
[illegible] Fritts
Oscar Gesner
[illegible] Horton
John Justin
P. Lepeltak
W. B. Merritt
[illegible] Schenck
Fred. E. Schlicher
Elbert N. Sebring
Benjamin J. Stateir
[illegible] Strong
Evert Van Slyke
H. R. Vroom
J. W. Wells
[illegible] Wyckoff

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Middle Class

D. M. Arcularius
W. W. Bausch
M. Riekenveldt
[illegible]
George H. Mills
E. Christopher Oggel
Charles H. Poole
George Seibert
John H. Smock
George W. Swain
Henry Uiterwyk
Joseph M. Vile
A. V. Wyckoff

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Junior Class

Louis Henry Bähler
James A. Berthold
[illegible] Bogert
[illegible] Collins
[illegible]
Thomas H. Jones
Wm. H. Holloway
Francis H. Rife
C. D. J. Steinfeihrer
David J. Suttphen
N. H. Van Arsdale
P. W. Van Vleren
[illegible] Van Zoren
David [illegible] Van Horne
Henry Ward

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The name of William Smith, a member of the Junior Class of last year is not mentioned in the Catalogue, because shortly after the last meeting of the Board of Superintendents he was dismissed from the Institution on account of gross immorality.

Mr David K. Van Doren has been permitted to attend on the regular exercises of the Seminary, but as his qualifications for entering the Institution were not such as the rules of Synod requires, he has been temporarily admitted, subject to the approval of Synod. So far as we can judge, he may, with proper application, become an efficient minister of the Gospel, but he has labored under some disadvantages owing to weak eyes. The Faculty would respectfully recommend him for a dispensation in the hope that by future and increased diligence he will be able to maintain a respectable standing in his class.

Mr James M. Collins of the Junior Class has been absent from the Seminary for several Months past, owing to some difficulties of a private nature which may render it inexpedient for him to retain his place in the Institution; but as the matter is in the hands of the Consistory of the Church of which he is a member (Rev. Thos. C. Strong D.D. the Pastor) in New York, the Faculty have taken no special action in the premises.

Mr Andrew Doremus, also of the Junior Class, was advised by the Faculty, a few weeks ago, to leave the Institution, until the meeting of the Board of Superintendents, to whom it is our desire to submit his case for final action. Mr Doremus has on various occasions given offence to his fellow students, by the violent and intemperate language in which he has vindicated his

political sentiments; so that he had come to be regarded by them as disloyal, and under the excitement occasioned by the fiendish assassination of our President, he was so indiscreet in the expression of his sentiments, that it was deemed best for the peace of the Institution and community that he should withdraw for a short season. In justice to Mr Doremus, however, it must be stated that so far from having expressed any approval of the diabolical murder of the Chief Magistrate, he repeatedly avowed the contrary, and consistently repudiated any sympathy with the crime. The testimony in his case is herewith transmitted.

At a meeting of the General Synod's standing committee on Peter Hertog Theological Hall in September last it was resolved to institute an effort for the more complete endowment of the Theological Seminary, as directed by the Synod of 1857, when the committee was originally appointed with this express specific object. By the blessing of God we have succeeded in obtaining a subscription of $40,000 forty thousand Dollars from Rev. A. E. Smith D.D. of Brooklyn, to make up the deficiency in the existing funds on condition of an additional sum of forty thousand dollars being secured for a fund for the Professor's salaries. Under this encouragement we have continued to press this subject upon the churches as opportunity has been afforded until we have obtained subscriptions which are within a few thousand Dollars of the required amount. Dr Smith has kindly consented to extend the time within which the work must be completed until the meeting of Synod when we hope to be able to report an entire success.

The Faculty are happy to be able also to report that by the gift of Mrs Bethune a large accession has been made to the ~~Library~~ of the Seminary. About (2000) Two thousand valuable books have by her munificence been placed upon our shelves, for which we desire, in common with the Ref. Dutch Church, to record our grateful acknowledgments.

The thanks of the Synod are due also to Mrs Dwight, the widow of Rev. Maurice W. Dwight D.D. for a donation of upwards of 80 volumes to the Library of the Theological Seminary.

With gratitude to our gracious Heavenly Father we can record that the past year has been marked by signal blessing. The students have exhibited great diligence and a readiness to avail themselves of every facility afforded them for enlarging the range of study, and have cheerfully memorized the standards of the Church, in this all the Classes have participated. The general conduct of the students has been exemplary; and by the blessing of God their health has been such that few interruptions of study have been occasioned by sickness.

Mr George Seibert of the Middle Class was compelled by ill health to absent himself for a few weeks, but has been permitted to resume his place with strength restored.

Through the liberality of friends of the Institution the Rev M'Kee has been enabled to pay $350 to the Treasurer of Hertzog Hall, in order to relieve to that amount the students in the payment of the annual assessment for Coal and the current expenses of the Institution. The Faculty gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Mr McKee in soliciting contributions for this object.

With thanksgiving for the past, and with hearts

Lack of hope and trust for the future, we offer this brief review of our Seminary year, asking God for the privilege of laboring for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master, in the department in which his Providence has placed us.

J. J. Berg,
Geo. W. Newbridge
John De Witt

The following paper was also received from the Faculty in connection with the foregoing Report

Extract

from the minutes of the Theological Faculty, in relation to Mr Andrew Doremus.

A special meeting of the Faculty was held in Hertzog Hall, April 19. 1865, in relation to certain alleged incendiary and treasonable remarks made by Mr Andrew Doremus, a member of the Junior Class of the Theological Seminary.

A paper was presented from the Junior Class which was read.

Witnesses were called. Mr Ward of the Junior Class testified that Mr Andrew Doremus asserted that the ~~Abolitionists~~ were under the influence of the Spirit of Infidelity, and that they were in hopes that Mr Lincoln had been assassinated.— Also that some months ago Doremus declared that Mr Lincoln ought to be Killed, and that if the President were before him, he, Doremus, would himself be willing to plunge a dagger into Mr Lincoln's heart.

Mr Swain testified, that Mr Doremus declared there was no Christianity in the Seminary.

Mr Van Horne testifies that the purport of Mr Doremus' language was that the students were in fact infidels.

Mr Van Doren testified, that Doremus, sometime in last Autumn, said, if Mr Lincoln were on the steps he believed he would be willing to plunge a dagger in his heart, and that there was a great deal of infidelity in the Seminary. Other students corroborated the testimony respecting Mr Doremus's attack on the Christian character of the Members of the Theological Seminary.

Mr Doremus was heard in his defence. He denied all knowledge of having ever used such language as that imputed to him respecting his readiness to assassinate Mr. Lincoln. He declared that if he had uttered the words imputed to him, he must have spoken in such a rage as not to have known what he said.

He admitted that he had said, there were almost as many infidels in the Seminary as there were Christians.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas the general statement of the Class of which Mr Doremus is a member proves his habitual violence of language, and sympathy with disloyalty,

Resolved, That Mr Doremus be advised to withdraw from the Seminary, until the meeting of the Board of Superintendents.

J. H. Berg - Clerk.

This Communication was referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr R. Gordon, and John L. McNair.

347 The following communication was received from the Standing Committee on Hartwick Hall, and referred to the Committee on the Synodical Report.

The General Synod's Standing Committee on Peter Hartwick Theological Hall, respectfully reports to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary as follows.

The Committee met in Peter Hartwick Hall on the Eleventh day of October 1864.

1. After having been duly organized by the appointment of Rev Dr. Merick Chairman, and Professor De Witt Secretary, the portion of the Committee not belonging to the Theological Faculty was divided into three Classes, according to the direction of General Synod, Minutes of 1864 p 473. The division was made in the order of their original appointment, the Rev. Dr Strong to retire in 1865, Rev Dr Merick in 1866, and Rev. J H. Schenck in 1867. We, therefore, hereby report to the Board of Superintendents that the retiring member of the Committee, whose place is to be filled by the next Synod, is Rev Dr. Thomas C. Strong.

2. The Scudder Monument. The Synod having authorised and requested the Committee to remove the Scudder Monument to some more suitable place, and to obtain funds to defray the expense thereof, it was resolved to postpone action until some future meeting, when the means of carrying out the will of Synod may be obtained without interfering with efforts of more immediate and pressing importance.

3. Repairs of Peter Hartwick Theological Hall.

Statements were made by the Theological Faculty concerning certain repairs in progress, the expense of which they will be able to meet without any present action of the Committee.

The Committee beg leave to state that they have been assured by Mrs Bertring that she has secured to the General Synod in her last will and testament the sum of $10.000 to be invested, and the interest to be used for the permanent preservation of the Hall. It will be necessary, however, to make some present provision for this object. Very little has been expended upon the Hall during the 9 years that it has been occupied and the Seminary must soon suffer in public estimation unless a liberal amount is soon spent in putting it in such condition as befits the character of the Institution, and of the church to which it belongs. We hope soon to see the way open to accomplish this, and feel sure that the friends of the Seminary will not be backward in contributing the necessary means

4. Endowment of the Seminary. The minutes of Synod in June 1857 show that the design of the Synod in creating this committee was,

First the preservation of the recently erected Hall,

Secondly such efforts as might be necessary to make the Theological Seminary in all respects equal to the most favored Theological Institution in the land, and they were fully empowered to obtain funds from the churches for this purpose. The Committee felt that this was their great work, for which the church is suffering, and which should not be any longer delayed. They accordingly resolved to open a subscription for the immediate adequate endowment of the Seminary. We have now with great satisfaction and thankfulness

to report that our efforts have been attended by signal marks of divine favor. We have a subscription amounting to nearly $75.000, designed partly to supply deficiencies in the existing funds, and partly to endow a professorship of pulpit training and Pastoral Theology. The Rev. Dr. S. S. Smith, of Brooklyn has pledged $40.000 for the former object on condition that a like sum be obtained for the latter. We hope that by the 5th of June, the time to which we are limited by Dr Smith's subscription, the effort will be completed, so that the next Synod may be able to appoint a Fourth Professor.

An encouraging commencement has also been made towards obtaining houses for the Professors, so that General Synod may be able to fulfil all its obligations relating to the Theological Seminary without embarrassment. Besides subscriptions for this special purpose it is understood by the terms of the main subscription that if there should be any excess above $80.000, it shall be employed in the same way. As our effort is yet incomplete it will be necessary for this committee to communicate immediately with that body - and we only regret that we are not now able to make a fuller report.

In behalf of the Rutgers Race Com
John De Witt Rec'd

A communication was received from James M. Collins, a member of the Junior Class, who has been absent for some time, explaining the reason of his absence and requesting to be allowed to enter the Junior Class next Fall. On motion the letter was referred with the whole subject, to the committee on the reception of students.

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Examinations

1. On Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Professor Berg examined the students of the Senior and Middle Classes in didactic Theology.

In the evening the members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of sermons.

2. On Wednesday morning Professor De Witt examined the Junior and Middle Classes in Hebrew, and the Senior and Middle Classes in Greek, and the Epistle to the Romans, and in Biblical Criticism.

3. In the afternoon Professor Van Bruge examined the Junior Class in Sacred History, the Middle Class in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church Government, Church History and Pastoral Theology.

The members of the Senior and Middle Classes placed sermons on the table for inspection.

The students of all the Classes were interrogated as to their having obeyed the Law of Synod in regard to students preaching. None were found delinquent.

The Seniors were examined on personal piety and their views in entering the Ministry

On the Conclusion of the examination it was Resolved, unanimously that all the examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professional Certificates.

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Article 8

Reports of Committees

1. The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows. The Committee on Synodical minutes would respectfully report that having examined the minutes of Particular and Synod for 1864 they find nothing requiring the attention of this Board.

N. P. Rice Chm.

2. Report of the Committee on the Professor's Report. The Committee on the Professor's Report beg leave to present the following —

The Professors have placed before the Board a Report of the condition of the Theological Seminary during the past year, wherein are contained the names of the three several Classes. One student has been dismissed for immorality.

Another has not been able to take the regular course with the Class he wished to enter. Although permitted to recite he has not been admitted as a regular member of the Seminary. The Professors recommend him for a dispensation to allow him to enter the Seminary as a proper member. The Committee have no disposition to report adversely to this suggestion. They regret that applications for dispensations from a full and regular course of study have become so frequent, when the standard of ministerial education is constantly rising. But they recommend that Mr Van Doren be regarded by this Board as worthy of receiving a dispensation as defined in the Professors Report in his case.

Your Committee note officially with high satisfaction that the generous donation of Dr. N. E. Smith of $40.000 for the endowment of the Professorship of Biblical Science, Language, and Literature, in

condition that $40.00 additional are raised as a foundation for another Professorship, is likely to free this institution from embarrassment, and to augment its power for usefulness. The zeal and labors of the Rev Dr. DeWitt and his colleagues to realize the required sum of $40.00 are worthy of the highest praise, and entitle them to the thanks of this Board.

Respt. Subt. Elbert S. Porter, Chn.

The above was unanimously adopted.

3. The Special committee to whom was referred the case of Mr Andrew Doremus presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Professors Report as relates to the case of Mr Andrew Doremus of the Junior Class, together with the minutes of the Theological Faculty in the matter respectfully report,

First, that the conduct of Mr Doremus as attested by the witnesses, and by Mr Doremus's own admission, (so far as it goes) most amply justifies the action of the Theological Faculty in advising him to withdraw from the seminary until the meeting of the Board of Superintendents.

Second, that the spirit evinced by Mr Doremus towards the brethren in general denunciation, and in incendiary and treasonable remarks, repeated in different places, and with vehemence, show that his temper and spirit disqualify him for a comfortable and profitable prosecution of his studies in this institution, and render his presence and companionship with his fellow students unhappy; and further, that serious injury to the esp-

solution of the seminary would result from his continuance in it, nor that the same causes should very prospect of his future usefulness should be ultimately be admitted to the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ. For these reasons your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That Mr. Andrew Doremus be withdrawn as a student from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, and that the Board of Education of the Church be notified of this action of the Board of Superintendents.

Benj. C. Taylor. Chm

4. Report of the Committee on the Synodical Report.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

The Board of Superintendents met in the Hall of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 16. 1865, at 11½ o'clock A. M. and continued its sessions till Wednesday at 10 o'clock P. M. The Rev. A. H. Gregory was called to the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present.
(See Roll, Art. 2 p. 390)

The following Classes were not represented in the Board this year viz. Albany, Cayuga, Holland, Illinois, Michigan, Monmouth, Raritan Ref. Dutch and Wisconsin.

The places of the following members representing the following Classes are to be filled by the next General Synod.

Rev. Wilson Ingalls	Classis of Cayuga
" Lyne Starling	" Greene
" P. G. Cogswell	" Holland
" Edward P. Livingston	" Illinois

Rev. John L. McNair	Classis of Kingston
" Peter Stryker	" New York
" John I. Demarest	" Paramus
" Elbert Mervines	" Rensselaer
	" Schenectady

The Board was organized by the appointment of Rev C. H. Gregory, President, and Rev Charles J. Stephen Clerk pro. tem.

By the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Seminary during the past year.

(See Act C. p. 392)

Mr David K. Van Doren has been permitted to attend on the regular exercises of the Seminary, but as his qualifications for entering the Institution were not such as the Rule of Synod requires, he has been temporarily admitted, subject to the approval of Synod. The Faculty recommends him for a dispensation in the hope that by future and increased diligence he will be able to maintain a respectable standing in his class. Mr James M. Collins, of the Junior Class, has been absent from the Seminary for several months past.

The name of William Smith, a member of the Junior Class of last year, is not mentioned in the Catalogue, because shortly after the last Meeting of the Board of Superintendents, he was dismissed from the Institution on account of gross immorality.

Mr Andrew Doremus, also of the Junior Class was advised by the Faculty a few weeks ago to leave the Institution, until his case should be disposed of by this Board to whose investigation it has been by them referred. The Board, by their Committee have thoroughly examined the Evidence upon which the Faculty based their advice and have

unanimously come to the conclusion that as the violent and intemperate language used by him regarding the assassination of our late lamented President, and in regard to the Christian character of his fellow students has rendered him so odious to them, and is so utterly unbecoming the Christian character of any man, much more of one presenting himself for the sacred office of the Ministry of Reconciliation, he cannot consistently be allowed to remain in connection with the institution. He has therefore been dismissed.

At a meeting of the General Synod's standing committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall in September last it was resolved to institute an effort for the more complete endowment of the Theological seminary as directed by the Synod of 1857 when the committee was originally appointed with this expressed specific object. The Professors say, "By the blessing of God we have succeeded in obtaining a subscription of $40,000 from Rev. N. E. Smith D.D. of Brooklyn to make up the deficiency in the existing fund, on condition of an additional sum of $40,000 being secured for the endowment of a fourth Professorship. Under this encouragement we have continued to press the subject upon the churches as opportunity has been afforded until we have obtained subscriptions within a few thousand Dollars of the requisite amount. Dr Smith has kindly consented to extend the time within which the work must be completed, until the meeting of Synod when we hope to report an entire success.

The Faculty are happy to be able to report that by the gift of Mrs Rethmore a large accession has been made to the library of the seminary. About 2000 valuable books have

by her munificence been given upon our shelves, for which we desire, in common with the Reformed Dutch Church, to record our grateful acknowledgements.

The thanks of the Synod are due also to the late Mrs Dwight, widow of Rev Maurice W. Dwight D.D., for a donation of upwards of 50 volumes to the Library of the Theological Seminary.

The Professors also report that the Students, with the aforesaid exceptions have conducted themselves in every way worthy of the confidence reposed in them, and have diligently made good use of the means provided for their preparation to serve the Church honorably to themselves and profitably to the Cause of Christ, in the capacity of Stewards of the mysteries of God.

The Examinations having been closed, the Board are happy to state that they have had gratifying evidence of the diligence of the students and of the painstaking care of the Professors to instruct them well in the several branches of sacred study pursued. Thirteen sermons were laid upon the table by the students as required, and members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of discourses. They were also examined with regard to their personal piety, and their views on entering the Ministry.

The following resolution was passed,

Resolved, that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professional certificates.

At the close of the examinations the address to the students was delivered by Rev Charles L. Hagerman D.D. The Rev Wm R. Gordon was

4 Prayer pleasing was the Rev. A. T. Stewart
[illegible] to join in the address next year.
[illegible] a term of service of Rev. C. Storey DD as
[illegible] of General Synod's Standing Com-
mittee on Peter & Stag Island having ex-
pired this place is to be filled in the next
year to meet at this Convention, June 1885.

Wm. J. Gordon Chy

5 The Committee on the reception of students reported.

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Particularia

A committee was appointed to consult with the Professors with reference to the examinations, who reported that they had agreed upon the same general order as was pursued last year.

It was Resolved, that the hours of meeting and adjournment shall be as follows - of meeting 9 A.M. and 2½ P.M. of adjournment 12½ A.M. and 5½ P.M.

The committee appointed to prepare a digest was continued.

Rev. G. Taylor was appointed to inform the Professors of the action of the Board in the case of Mr Hutchison Paramus. He reported that he had discharged the duty and that the Professors concurred in the action of the Board.

The Rev. Wm R. Gordon was elected primarius, and Rev. A. S. Stewart, secundus to deliver the address next year.

The Rev. John T. Demarest appeared and claimed a seat in the Board as the representative of the Classis of Paramus, but as the term of three years for which Rev. Isaac D. Cole had been appointed had not expired, and as he had not resigned or changed his ecclesiastical relations, objections were made to the Rev Mr Demarest taking a seat as a member of the Board. Whereupon the claimant presented the following paper.

"To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary

The undersigned, as a delegate of the Classis of Paramus claims the right to take his seat as a member of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary for the following reasons.

First. He was chosen by the aforesaid Classis as their delegate and his name sent by their order to

the General Synod for their nomination; viz that with the knowledge and concurrence of Rev. J. D. Cole, who, as well as the Classis, considered his time of service expired.

Recently the General Synod has actually appointed him a member of this Board, as appears by their last printed minutes.

Therefore, in obedience to the General Synod and the Classis of Paramus he feels convinced that he has no right to vacate his seat.

John T. Demarest

New Brunswick N.J. May 16. 1865

By the clear statement of the facts presented in the above paper the Board were satisfied that unless the Rev. John T. Demarest be allowed a seat in the Board at its present session the Classis of Paramus would not be represented.

It was therefore

Resolved That the Rev. John T. Demarest be allowed to take a seat in the Board, and that the error in the letter be referred to General Synod for correction.

Resolved that the thanks of the Board be returned to the families who have kindly entertained its members.

The Rev Charles S. Wyckoff delivered the address to the students on Wednesday evening

Oct 11.

The Minutes were read and approved

Oct 12

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President

Cicero S. Gregory Pres.

Charles J. Shepard Rec Sec

A true Copy
Attest
Abbott Lowe

The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Hartwick Sem., on the 3d. Tuesday (16) of May 1866, at 12 o'clock M. and continued in session until Wednesday Evening, 10 o'clock. The last President, Rev O. H. Gregory, being absent, Rev. J. I. Demarest was called to the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Act 2

Members present.

Harlem of Bergen	Rev Wm K. Gordon
North Harlem of Bergen	" B. C. Taylor
" Greene	" Cyril Spaulding
" Hudson	" C. J. Shepard
" Kingston	" J. N. Voorhees
" Monmouth	" E. W. Collier
" Montgomery	" L. H. Van Dyke
" New York	" Jas. I. Duryea
South " New York	" J. B. Steele
" Orange	" Ed. W. Beatty
" Paramus	" J. I. Demarest
" Passaic	" J. C. Crickshank
" Philadelphia	" G. Ludlow
" Poughkeepsie	" C. [illegible] Hageman
" Raritan	" [illegible] Ferris
" Schoharie	" Edr. Miller
" Ulster	" J. C. F. Hoes
" Schenectady	" R. L. Schoonmaker
South " Long Island	" [illegible] Price
" Westchester	" [illegible]

Act 3

Election of Officers

Rev. J. I. Demarest was elected President, and Rev. E. W. Collier Clerk pro tem.

Act 4.

Reading of the Minutes & Rules

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were

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Standing Committees

On Reception of Students

Rev. [illegible] Grauw — Rev. [illegible] Corlies

" J. J. Duryea — " J. B. Steele

together with the Theological Professors

On the Professoral Report

Rev. [illegible] Shepard — Rev. J. C. H. Aves.

" [illegible] Spalding

On the Synodical Report

Rev. J. J. Duryea — Rev. L. H. Van Dyck

" E. W. Bentley

On Synodical Minutes

Rev. Jas. de Pevre — Rev. J. N. Voorhees

" Edr. Miller

Art 1.

Communications

The following report was received from the Faculty

New Brunswick May 14. 1866

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Prot. Dutch church, the Theological Faculty present their annual report as follows.

The following persons have been in attendance on the exercises of the Institution during the past year

Senior Class

Andrew M. Areularius Jr — Charles A. Pool

William W. Brush — George Seibert

Manus Riekenveldt — John H. Smock

Adrian Viriekaard — George W. Swain

George A. Mills — Henry Uiterwyk

C. Christian [illegible] — Joseph M. Vile — 12

Middle Class

Louis Henry Behler — David J. Sutphen

James H. Berthoff — N. H. Van Arsdale

Nicholas J. A. Bogert — Peter H. Van Buren

Wm. W. Halloway Jr — David R. Van Doren

Thomas W. Jones — David Van Horne

Francis M. Rice jr — Henry Ward
C. D. H. Steinfuhrer

Junior Class 13

John K. Allen — Henry V. S. Meyers
James C. Armerman — John M. Rutte
Josiah J. Brown — John G. Shaw
Allen F. Campbell — Henry Stout
John A. Davis — John W. Warnshuis
William H. De Hart — Adrian A. Westveer
Henry J. Grant jr. — A. H. Zabriskie 14

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Mr Vile of the Senior Class was removed by death towards the close of the first term after an illness of several weeks which was borne with Christian resignation. By this dispensation the Seminary and the church have met with a severe loss, for Mr Vile was an earnest Christian, a conscientious and diligent student, and his faithfulness in the preparatory work in the Seminary gave promise of great usefulness in the Pastoral office.

Mr Vryhoff of the Middle Class of last year having gone abroad has not attended on the services of the Institution this year. We understand that it is his intention to return in the autumn to prosecute the studies of the senior year.

Mr Bahler of the Middle Class has been absent from the Institution during the whole of the second term by reason of very severe and protracted illness, from which by the mercy of God he has recovered. But although so much time has been lost by him his mental discipline and standing as a scholar are such that the Faculty have no hesitation in recommending that he be permitted to go on with his class next year.

Mr Rutte of the Junior Class who had studied Theology three years in the University of Utrecht has on account of his ignorance of the English language been able to accomplish very little in the studies of his class. He hopes that by the commencement of

year he will have acquired sufficient familiarity with our language to enable him to prosecute the course of study with success and comfort. From what we have been able to learn of his acquirements we feel justified in commending him as worthy to enter with his class on the studies of the middle year.

A bust of Rev Dr Bethune sculptured in beautiful marble has by the liberality of Mrs Bethune been sent to the Seminary to be placed in its pedestal in the alcove that contains the books received from Dr Bethune's library. Thanks are due for this costly memorial of one whom the churches have reason to delight to honor.

We are happy to report that the students have been diligent in their work, and orderly in their deportment. Besides the instructions of their Professors, they have through the kind exertions of Rev J. T. Duryea, enjoyed gratuitously the valuable services of Prof. Peabody of Princeton College, who has given them instruction in elocution accompanied with practical exercises, and from whose faithful labors they have derived no little benefit.

We conclude our report thanking God for the mercies of the past, expressing our deep interest in our work, and asking the prayers and help of the Church so that the Institution may by the blessing of God be made as efficient as possible for ~~good~~ by the training of an able and devoted ministry.

J. M. Woodbridge
Jos. F. Berg
John De Witt
David D. Demarest

Act 7

Examinations

1. On Tuesday afternoon the Rev Dr Berg examined the Middle and Senior Classes in Didactic Theology

2. On Tuesday evening Rev Dr Woodbridge examined the Junior Class in Bible History and the Middle and Senior Classes in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church government.

3. On Wednesday morning Rev. Dr DeWitt examined the Junior and Middle Classes in Hebrew, the Junior and Middle Classes in Greek, and the Senior Class in Biblical Criticism.

4. On Wednesday afternoon Rev Dr Demarest examined the Junior Class in Sacred Rhetoric, the Middle Class in Biblical Archaeology, and the Senior Class in Pastoral Theology.

The members of the Senior and Middle Classes placed sermons on the table for inspection.

The students of all the Classes were interrogated whether they had obeyed the Rule of General Synod on the subject of Students' preaching, and all were found to have obeyed the Rule!

On Wednesday afternoon, at the close of Prof. Demarest's examination the Seniors were heard in the delivery of sermons.

On Wednesday Evening the Seniors were examined in Personal piety, and their views in entering the ministry.

On motion, at the Conclusion of the examinations, it was Resolved, unanimously, that the examinations of the several Classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended for their Professorial certificates.

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Art. 8

Reports of Committees

1 The Committee on the reception of students presented the following report which was accepted.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents to receive students into the Theological Seminary met in Hertzog Hall Sept. 10. 1865. Present Rev B. C. Taylor, and Rev J. I. Stewart, with the Theological Faculty. Rev Dr Taylor was called to the Chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. The following gentlemen presented themselves, and after producing satisfactory testimonials of Church membership and literary attainment, were examined as to their views in relation to preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and were admitted as members of the Junior Class.

John R. Allen
James E. Amerman
Allan D. Campbell
John A. Davies
Wm W. deHart
Henry J. Grant
John Hoshaw
Henry Stout
John H. Warnshuis
Adrian Westveer
J. A. Zabriskie

A paper was presented from Mr Andrew Dorremus, lately suspended from the Theological Seminary whose case was referred by the General Synod to this Com. for their action. After the paper had been read it was resolved unanimously that the communication of Mr Dorremus is such as to preclude any action in his behalf by this Committee.

The Theological Faculty were authorized to receive any who may hereafter apply for admission.

Closed with prayer

J. D. Mott Clerk

This is to certify that according to the above action the following gentlemen were afterward received as members of the Junior Class.

Josiah J. Brown, Henry V. S. Myers & John N. Rutte

D D S Marsh

New Brunswick May 15. 1866

Clerk

A Committee on the Professor's Report presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

The committee to whom the report of the Professors was referred would respectfully present the following.

The Report states that Mr Louis H. Bahler of the Middle class has been absent from the Institution during the whole of the second term by reason of severe and protracted illness. But although so much time has been lost to him, his mental discipline and standing as a scholar are such that the faculty have no hesitation in recommending that he be permitted to go on with his class next year. The committee would propose the following action viz. Resolved, that Mr Bahler be permitted to go on with his class next year.

The case of Mr Rutte of the junior class is also presented for consideration. While he has studied theology 3 years in the University of Utrecht, yet on account of his ignorance of the English language he has been able to accomplish very little in the studies of his class. The Professors, however, from what they have been able to learn of his acquirements feel justified in commending him as worthy to enter with his class on the studies of the Middle year. Resolved, that Mr Rutte be permitted to go on with his class.

By the liberality of Mrs Bethune a beautiful marble bust of Rev Dr Bethune has been sent to the Seminary and placed in the alcove of the Library that contains the books received from Dr Bethune. We would recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board of Superintendents are tendered to Mrs Bethune for this costly memorial of one whose devotion to the Theological Seminary, and the interests of our church was manifested by his generous liberality.

Your committee would also recommend a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. S. Dwight for his kindness to the students in procuring for them the services of Prof. Peabody of Princeton College in giving them instruction in elocution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. Helfenstein

The committee on synodical minutes reported that they found nothing in the minutes of the last General Synod requiring the attention of this Board. Report accepted.

Report of the Committee on the Synodical Report, to the General Synod of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church.

The Board of Superintendents met in the Hall of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, on Thursday, May 15, 1866, at 12 o'clock M. and adjourned at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The President being absent, Rev. J. T. Demarest was called to the chair and opened the session with prayer, after which Rev. J. T. Demarest was chosen President, and Rev. E. M. Collier was chosen temporary Clerk.

The following members were present. see p. 410

The following classes were not represented in the Board: Arcot, Albany, Cayuga, Geneva, Holland, Illinois, Northern Michigan, New Brunswick, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Wisconsin.

The term of office of the following members expires at the next General Synod. Rev. I. N. Vryhoff, B. B. Taylor, Joachim Elmendorf, (by his removal to another Classis) George J. Van Vleck, (by his removal to another Classis) J. E. T. Porter, V. D. Pierson, J. M. Ferris, L. W. Van Dyke, J. A. Van Doren, J. B. Stute, J. C. Quackenbush, G. Ludlow, C. S. Wagenen, James Le Fevre, R. L. Schoonmaker, A. T. Stewart, (by his removal to the West). Members will then have to be appointed from the following classes.

Albany	for 3 years	New Brunswick	3 years
North N. Bergen	"	South New York	"
Cayuga	2 years	Passaic	"
Geneva	1 "	Philadelphia	"
North Holland	3 "	Bergen Reformed	"
South "		Raritan	"
Michigan	"	Schenectady	"
Montgomery	"	Westchester	1 year
		Wisconsin	3 years

By the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Seminary during the past year. See p. 411

Joseph M. Vile of the Senior Class died on the 20th day of December, 1865. Concerning this dispensation of Providence the Professors say, "The Seminary and the Church have met with a severe loss, for Mr Vile was an earnest Christian, conscientious and diligent student, and his faithfulness in the preparatory work in the Seminary gave promise of great usefulness in the pastoral office. Mr Ryckoff of the Middle Class of last year, having graduated, has not attended on the exercises of the Seminary this year. He expects, however, to return in the Autumn and prosecute the studies of the Senior year.

Mr Bahler of the Middle Class has been absent from the institution during the whole of the second term by reason of very severe and protracted illness from which by the mercy of God he has recovered. Notwithstanding his loss of so much time, the Professors report that his mental discipline and standing as a scholar, give promise that the loss will be repaired, and commended him to the Board for permission to continue with his class in the further prosecution of his studies. The Board concurred in the recommendation of the Professors, and gave the necessary permission.

Mr Rutte of the Junior Class who has studied Theology three years in the University of Utrecht, has an account of his limited knowledge of the English language, I am unable to accomplish much little in the studies of his class. The Professors expressed confidence in his ability to enter successfully into the studies of the Middle year, and commended him to the Board for permission to continue with his class. It was resolved by the Board to grant the desired permission.

The Faculty reported that a bust of Rev Dr Bethune sculptured in Italian marble, has been by the liberality of Mrs Bethune, sent to the Seminary and has been placed upon a pedestal in the portico of the library, appropriated to the books which were presented to the institution from Dr Bethune's library.

The Board resolved unanimously that an expression of thanks be tendered to Mrs Bethune for this me-

449 manner of one whose devotion to the Seminary and its interests of all such was always manifest, and especially in his generous gift.

The Faculty express much pleasure in reporting that in addition to the ordinary instructions of the Professors, the students, through the liberality of some individuals have enjoyed gratuitously the services of Prof. Peabody of Princeton College, accompanied with practical exercises, adding, "from his faithful labors they have received no little benefit."

In reference to this the Board resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Rev J. T. Duryea for his kindness to the students in procuring for them the services of Prof. Peabody in giving them instruction in elocution.

The following resolution was also adopted.

Resolved, that the attention of General Synod be called to the necessity and importance of largely increasing the library of the theological seminary.

Inquiries were made of the students of the various classes as to their observance of the rule of Synod in regard to profanity. It appeared that there had been no violations of the rule.

Written sermons were laid upon the table by members of the Senior & Middle Classes for examination by members of the Board. The members of the Junior Class were heard in the delivery of sermons and were examined as to their personal piety & views of entering the ministry.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted. Resolved that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their professional certificates. At the close of the examinations the address to the students was delivered by the Rev Wm C. Gordon.

J. T. Duryea

Chairman

Art. 10.

Particularia

On motion it was resolved that the hours of meeting shall be 9 o'clock A.M. & 2½ o'clock P.M. and of adjournment 12½ P.M. and 5½ P.M.

Rev J. C. H. Hees and W. R. Gordon were appointed a committee to wait on the Faculty and arrange the order of Examinations, who reported the following. Tuesday afternoon Prof. Berg, Tuesday Evening Prof. Murbridge, Wednesday forenoon Prof. Lettitt, the first half of Wednesday afternoon Prof. Demarest, and the latter half to be devoted to the hearing of the students of the Senior class in the delivery of Sermons. On Wednesday evening the examination of the Seniors on personal piety and their views in entering the ministry, to be followed by the address to the students.

The Committee on digest reported informally, when the subject was referred to another Committee consisting of Rev. J. S. Durgin, Mr R. Gordon, & the State Clerk, the term of service of the former committee having expired.

On motion of Rev. J. C. H. Hees

Resolved, that the attention of the General Synod be called to the necessity and importance of largely increasing the Library of the Theological Seminary.

On motion of Rev. B. E. Kayler,

Resolved that in future, after the address to the students, they shall be specially commended to God in prayer by the President of the Board.

Rev. W. R. Gordon delivered the address to the students, a copy of which was requested for publication in the Christian Intelligencer.

Rev J. S. Durgin was elected primarius & Rev E. W. Beatty secundus to deliver the address next year.

A vote of thanks was passed to the families of Rev Brinckerhoff who have entertained the members of this Board.

Art 11. The minutes were read and approved. Art 12. The Board adjourned with prayer by the President. John T. Demarest Pres.

A true Copy R. V. Van Cleef, State Clerk. C. M. Collier Cl. R pro tem

May 21st
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The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Rutgers Hall, on Tuesday May 21st at 12 M. and continued its sessions until 11¾ o'clock P.M. on Wednesday Evening.

The Rev. John T. Bernard took the chair, and the Rev. J. F. Mesick opened the meeting with prayer.

Act. 2

Members present

Rev. Wm R. Gorton D.D. on the Classes of Bergen
Cortlandt Ahrens D.D. " South "
A. G. Vermilye " " Cayuga
Wm E. Turner " " Geneva
A. P. Van Gieson " North " Long Island
Benjamin Van Zandt " Montgomery
Stephen Searle " " New Brunswick
Edward W. Kettle " " Orange
" J. T. Bernard D.D. " Paramus
Nathaniel Conklin " " Passaic
Lorenzo Doolittle " " Philadelphia
" Henry Dater " " Poughkeepsie
" John F. Mesick D.D. " " Raritan
" Benjamin F. Tucker " Rensselaer
" Oscar H. Gregory D.D. " Saratoga
" Wm E. E. Tee " " Schenectady
" John C. F. Hoes D.D. " " Ulster
" Charles D. Burk " " Westchester

Act 3

Choice of Officers

Rev. J. C. F. Hoes was elected President, and Rev. Wm E. E. Tee Clerk pro tem.

Act 4

Reading of Minutes and Rules

The minutes of the last meeting were read.
The Rules were read

Art. 5

Standing Committees

1. On Reception of Students - Rev. Gustavus Abeel, John F. Meier, A. P. Van Gieson & Stephen Searle - with the Ther. Professors.

2. On the Professorial Report. Rev. A. G. Kinnicutt, Geo. W. Gregory & B. F. Snyder

3. On Synodical Minutes - Rev. B. Van Zandt, Henry Dater & C. E. Buck

4. On the Synodical Report - Rev. John T. Demarest, A. P. Van Gieson & C. W. Bentley

Art. 6

Communications

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty, and referred to the Committee on the Professorial Report.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church.

Dear Brethren:-

In making our annual report we desire to record our thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for his gracious care over our School of the prophets the past year. We have not been left without tokens of his favor. No student or Professor has been laid aside by sickness. The students have been orderly, and in the main, we believe, diligent. Many of them have been engaged in Sabbath School instruction, faithful in attendance at prayer meetings, and we are also pleased to see a decided increase in the Missionary Spirit.

The following is a list of the

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three classes.

Senior Class

Louis Henri Bahler	G. L. F. Steinpuhrer
James H. Berthoff	David S. Sutphen
N. W. Bogert	N. H. Van Houtale
Wm. W. Halloway jr.	J. H. Van Buren
Thomas W. Jones	David Kline Van Doren
Francis M. Rip jr.	David Van Horne
John M. Rutte	Henry Ward

A. A. Wyckoff 15

Middle Class

John K. Allen	Henry F. S. Myers
James L. Emerman	John F. Spaar
Alan D. Campbell	Henry Stout
John M. Davis	John W. Warnshuis
Wm. H. De Hart	Adrian Westveer
Henry J. Hunt jr.	A. A. Zabriskie

Junior Class

Edward G. Ackerman	James L. Southard
Herman A. Berg	Peter F. Van Buskirk
Isaac P. Brokaw	John G. Van Zyke
George D. Hulst	

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The smallness of the junior Class may arrest the attention of the Board. This Class was lessened one half by the action of the last General Synod, allowing the Western students to study Theology in Hope College. If this arrangement is continued in a denomination as small as ours, for many years of course the number of students in our Theological Seminary must become alarmingly small. We have observed in former years the good influence upon both the Eastern and Western students from their associating together, and upon this account, among others, greatly regret their severance.

The only instance among the students

calling for action by the Board is that of Mr Rutte of the Junior Class. He studied Theology at the University of Utrecht, in Holland, and there received the usual limited license to preach. He entered the Junior Class here year before last, and after remaining a year was, by the advice of the Committee to receive students in September last transferred from the Middle to the Senior Class, subject to the decision of the Superintendents and General Synod. He is unfamiliar with the English language, and we have found great difficulty in making him understand our method of instruction by recitations as also the strictness of the laws of General Synod with regard to attendance upon lectures. In spite we were informed that he had violated the law in regard to students preaching. He was summoned before the Faculty, and the following resolution was passed:-

"Resolved:- That while the Faculty feel that they have sufficient ground for suspending Mr Rutte, yet they hesitate in view of his ignorance of the English language, and of the impression that he has not deliberately erred, and they refer his case to the Board of Superintendents". His case is hereby referred.

The students have, during the last term, had the benefit of a course of lectures on Elocution by Prof. Peabody of Princeton College, accompanied with practical exercises. Thanks are due to the Rev. Dr. J. W. Chambers for interest and exertions on his part, which secured the means for meeting the expenses of this course.

Joseph F. Berg
John De Witt
S. M. Woodbridge
David D. Demarest

Polhemus Hall
May 7. 1867

The following communication was received from the Classis of Paramus and referred to the committee on the Professorial Report.

Extract from the minutes of the Classis of Paramus.

"Whereas the Holland churches of Paterson under the care of this Classis have been very greatly weakened by a large secession of their members through the efforts of one of the students of our Theological Seminary, J. Rutte, and Whereas, this Classis on two different occasions has most earnestly requested him to desist in this matter - Therefore

Resolved, That our member of the Board of Superintendents be requested to present this matter to the said Board, and to ask their consideration of this subject in view of their granting said Rutte a Professorial Certificate.

True copy from minutes
J. P. Strong Stated Clerk

Art 7.

Examinations.

The examinations were conducted in the following order.

1. On Tuesday afternoon the Rev Dr Berg examined the Middle and Senior Classes in Dogmatic Theology.

2. On Tuesday Evening the Rev. Dr. Woodbridge examined the Junior Class in Bible History, and the Middle and Senior Classes in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church Government.

3. On Wednesday morning the Rev. Dr DeWitt examined the Junior Class in Hebrew, the Middle and Senior Classes in Greek, and the Senior Class in Biblical Criticism.

On Wednesday afternoon the Rev. Dr Demarest ex-

mined the Junior Class in Homiletics, the Middle Class in Public Worship, and the Senior Class in Pastoral Theology.

The members of the Middle and Senior Classes placed sermons on the table for inspection. The students of the Senior Class were interrogated whether they had obeyed the law of Synod with regard to students preaching, and all answered that they had obeyed the law.

On Wednesday after Prof. Demarest's examination, occupying the last hour of the afternoon and the first hour of the evening, the Seniors were heard in the delivery of Sermons.

On Thursday Evening the Seniors were examined in personal piety, and their views of entering the Ministry.

On motion — at the Conclusion of the examinations, it was Resolved, unanimously, that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended for their Professional certificates.

Art 8

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the reception of students presented the following which was accepted and adopted —

"The Committee on the admission of students respectfully report, That they met in Hertzog Hall, Sept. 30. 1866. The following members were present. Rev Dr N. R. Source, Mr. John B. Steele, and Professors Woodbridge, Berg, De Witt and Demarest.

Rev Dr Gordon was appointed President, and opened the meeting with prayer.

427 Professor Demarest was appointed Secretary. The following persons, graduates of Rutgers College having presented certificates of Church membership, and having been examined on personal religion, and risks in entering the ministry were received into the Seminary as students of theology.

Edward T. Ackerman	Spring Valley N.Y.
Herman C. Berg	New Brunswick N.J.
Isaac [illegible]	Middlebush "
George D. Hulst	East Millstone "
James A. Southard	Newark N.J.
Peter V. van Buskirk	Salterville "
John G. van Slyke	Coeymans "

It was voted that the Professors be authorized to examine and receive such persons as may hereafter apply for admission.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. Steele

Gerrit D. Demarest
Clk of the Com.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported verbally that they had examined the Minutes of Synod and found nothing requiring the attention of the Board. Their report was accepted.

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Synod.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church

The Board of Superintendents met in the Hall of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, on Tuesday May 21. 1867, at twelve O'clock, M. and adjourned at forty five minutes after Eleven O'clock on the Evening of the 22d.

The Rev. J. T. Demarest D.D., President of the Board, took

the chair, and the Rev. J. F. Meeick D.D. opened the meeting with prayer. The following members were present.

Revs. Wm A. Jonson.	Revs. J. T. Demarest
Eustatius Abel.	Nathaniel Conklin
A. J. Vermilye	Horace Doolittle
Wm E. Turner.	Henry Dater
A. P. Van Zum.	John F. Meeick
Benj. Van Zandt	B. F. Snyder
Stephen Searle	A. H. Gregory
E. A. Bentley	Wm J. E. Lee
John C. J. Hoes	Charles D. Buck

The Rev J. C. J. Hoes, D.D. was elected President, and the Rev Wm J. E. Lee, Clerk pro tem.

The following Classes were not represented in the Synod viz: Albany, West, Greene, Hollands, Hudson, Illinois, South Long Island, Michigan, Monmouth, New York, North New York, Schoharie, and Wisconsin.

The term of Office of the following members expires at the next General Synod. Revs. Joseph Cornell, Wm J. Jonson, Wm E. Turner, C. V. Shepard, (by his removal to another Classis), E. W. Collins, (also removed to another Classis) E. W. Bentley, A. H. Gregory, Edward Miller, Charles D. Buck, and Rev. J. A. Vennes (removed to another Classis). Members are therefore to be appointed from the following Classes:

Albany	for two years
West	" full term
Bergen	"
Greene	
Hudson	
Monmouth	"
Orange	
Saratoga	"
Schoharie	"
Westchester	"
Washington	for one year (unexpired term of Rev J. A. Vennes)

By the report of the Prof. here it appears that the following students have been members of the Seminary during the past year:

See Prof. Report, vol VI. p. 423

The Board would call the attention of the Synod to a marked defect in the curriculum of the Seminary, a defect not peculiar to this, but lamentably common to the Theological Seminaries of the Country. We refer to provision for a thorough instruction of our students in Elocution. The great deficiency of our American pulpit is in "Style" of Delivery. Many of our Candidates for the Ministry are self-made men, whose early advantages are limited; and who during the formation period of their habits have but few opportunities for cultivating graces of speech, proprieties of utterance, impressiveness of tone, and, in fine, all those numberless, nameless little things which go to make up the attractiveness and force of a public speaker. Hence, without special training in the Seminary, they come into the pulpit with a certain awkwardness of manner, angularity of movement, and infelicity of utterance, which embarrasses them all their lives, which confines them to a narrower sphere of usefulness, and keeps them always in the back ground of importance.

It is an excellence of our Seminary that prime reference is had to the intellectual and moral equipment of our ministers, to their soundness in the faith, and to their practical acquaintance with the truths of Revelation.

"But this ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Excellence in the one direction does not compel neglect in the other. Success in the ministry cannot generally be divorced from efficiency in the pulpit. And while we do not impeach the just claims of our Seminary, that its graduates

as a body are the peers of those from any other Theological School, we still feel that there is room for great improvement. And not only room, but an actual necessity for it. All considerations demand it. The spirit of the age requires it. Justice to the Churches, to the Ministry, to the cause of Christ demands it. And respectfully we express it. The duty of the Synod to foster this institution, to make it what the Church needs and expects it will be, also demands it. Increased facilities for equipping our young men with this very essential element of success and efficiency must be provided.

The efforts of the Theological Faculty in time past to fill up this deficiency, however creditable to all concerned do not meet the requirements of the case. It is a sort of living from hand to mouth, which ought to be avoided for dignity's sake as no other. We appreciate most gratefully the labors of Prof. Pearson, and the kindness of the gentlemen who have interested themselves in paving the way for his visits here; but we desire to see this department of seminary work put on a stable basis, and the seminary itself put in position to meet a pressing and rapidly growing demand of the age.

And the duty is all the plainer from the ease with which it can be discharged. The sum of five thousand dollars invested into a fund, the interest of which shall be applied for the purpose, will meet the necessary expense in the case. Three hundred and fifty dollars per year, will secure an annual course of lectures and teachings which will cure the defect now apparent. For that comparatively trifling sum your Board believe that the services of the best teachers, and the benefits of the best system of Pulpit Eloquence can be obtained for the young

men in the school of the Prophets. The home emphasized this matter because of its great importance, and present it to the Synod, in the hope that some liberal minded man, through the Synod's endorsement, be induced to provide the seminary with the means for an adequate course of instruction in this department.

Resolved, That the examination of the several classes be sustained, and the senior class be recommended for their Professional certificates.

Resolved, That the Board record its gratification at the evident ability with which the several examinations have been sustained, and the great promise of usefulness given by the students as a whole.

At the close of the examinations an address was delivered by the Rev. C. H. Bentley.

The students of the Senior Class were interrogated whether they had observed the rule of the Synod in regard to students preaching.

As true copy
R. Dunn Alex
Stated Clerk.

John F. Messick
Pres. pro tem.

The Committee on the Professional Report presented the following which was adopted.

The Committee on Professional Report have examined the matters therein contained. It appears that the dispensation granted by last year was denied Synod to certain students to attend the meeting of Hope College, has practically reduced the Senior Class. As this subject in all its bearings is under advisement by General Synod we simply note the fact. With this exception the seminary operations seem to have been highly favorably during the year. Commending Mr Kuite, a Holander of the Senior Class, whose case presents

some difficulties, owing to his slight knowledge of English, and some violations of Seminary regulations which he has committed, and a complaint against him by the Classis of Paramus concerning his preaching in the Hillsdale church of Paterson, your Committee report, that while of course the Seminary rules must be observed and enforced, in this particular case they have received from the Board of Education and others, such testimony to Mr Suttis Character and gifts as a preacher, as would make it undeservable to withhold from him a Professional certificate on account of errors which his peculiar temperament and circumstances would sufficiently explain.

The students, your committee find, have been able to receive some instruction in Elocution during the year, through the efforts of Dr. Chambers. So highly important is this matter at the present day, to complete a Seminary course, that we think it should be presented to the notice of synod, through the Synodical Report in hope that some liberal minded man thus be induced to provide for an adequate course of instruction. Nine thousand Dollars invested would secure this desirable end.

A. G. Vermilye
Chr. Pr.

Art. 9.
Particularia

On motion it was resolved that the hours of meeting shall be 9 A.M. and 2½ P.M. and of adjournment 12½ P.M. and 5½ P.M.

On motion the Rev. Charles D. Buck was excused from attendance upon the sessions of the Board

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The Rev. Wm. C. Turner, Benj. Van Landa & Horace Doolittle were appointed a Committee to confer with the Professors and arrange with them the order of examinations.

The Rev. S. C. J. Hoes was excused from attendance upon the sessions of the Board after the present morning, and Rev. J. T. Messick was appointed President pro tem.

The Rev. E. H. Bentley addressed the students at the close of the examinations.

The Rev. D. P. Van Zicsen as Primarius, and the Rev. Wm. C. Turner as Secundus were appointed to deliver the address to the students in 1868.

Act. 10.

The minutes were read and approved.

Act. 11

The Board adjourned with prayer by the President pro tem.

John T. Messick
Pres. pro tem

Wm. J. E. Lee
Clerk pro tem

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R. D. Van Clief
Stated Clerk

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May 19th

The Board of superintendents met in the Chapel of Mathog Hall, on Tuesday, May 19th at 12 o'clock M., and continued its sessions until Wednesday Evening.

The Rev. J. O. F. Hoes DD. Past President called the Board to order, took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Article II

Members Present

Rev. J. L. Barre		in the classis of	Albany
"	"	"	Hudson
" W. T. T. Mabon	"	"	Hudson
" G. Abel DD	"	South "	Bergen
" A. P. Peake	"	"	Cayuga
" J. C. Ling	"	"	Genesee
" John McNaughtons	"	"	Hudson
"	"	"	Kingston
" Garret C. Schenck	"	"	Monmouth
" Benjamin Van Zandt	"	"	Montgomery
" J. W. Mills	"	"	Orange
" J. J. Demaust DD	"	"	Paramus
" H. Doolittle	"	"	Philadelphia
" J. K. Merick DD	"	"	Raritan
" B. F. Snyder	"	"	Rensselaer
" C. Van Santvoord DD	"	"	Saratoga
" J. C. F. Hoes DD	"	"	Ulster
" David Cole DD	"	"	Westchester
" Stephen Searle	"	"	New Brunswick
" Henry Duter	"	"	Poughkeepsie
" T. Conklin	"	"	Passaic

Article III

Election of Officers

Rev. C. Van Santvoord DD was elected President.

Rev. A. P. Peake was elected Clerk pro. tem.

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Article IV.

Reading of the Minutes and Rules

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.
The Rules were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees

1. On Reception of Students
Revs. T. Meseick, D.D. G. Chase D.D. W. V. Maben D.D.
Nathaniel Conklin, with the Professors.

2. On the Professors' Report
Rev. John McC. Adams, A. N. Mills, Stephen Searle.

3. On Synodical Minutes
Rev. J. T. Demarest D.D. King Van Zandt D.D. H. Dorr Ette

4. On the Superintendent's Report
Rev. W. V. V. Maben D.D. B. F. Snyder, J. L. Pearse.

Art. 6

Communications

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty, read and referred to the Com. on the Professors' Report.

New Brunswick May 15. 1868

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at New Brunswick,

The following are the names of the young men who have pursued the prescribed course of study in the Theological Seminary during the past year

Seniors.

John H. Allen
[illegible] E. Zimmerman
Wm. D. Campbell
John H. Davis
Wm. H. De Baun
Henry S. Grant Jr

Henry V. S. Rogers
John F. Shaw
Henry Stout
Adrian Westveer
John W. Wanamaker
A. A. Zabriskie

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Middle Class

Edward S. Hickerman — George D. Mellott
Herman C. Vera — James C. Southard
Isaac T. Bickaw — Peter V. Van Buskirk
John Garner Van Dyke

Junior Class

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Jonas G. Bergen — Elias Mead
James B. Campbell — Alfred E. Myers
John B. Connoch — C. F. C. Suckow
Peter E. Kipp — Wm. H. Van Doren

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We acknowledge with devout gratitude to God that the students have been permitted to enjoy, with rare exceptions uninterrupted health, and have been enabled to prosecute their studies without being subjected to serious interruptions occasioned by absences on account of sickness. We believe that their examinations will show that they have made settled use of their time and opportunities, and that they give good promise of usefulness in the gospel ministry. Two members of the Senior Class are waiting to be sent to the foreign field and will accept such appointment as the Board of Foreign Missions may indicate, after they shall have been approved on the prescribed examinations. It is a matter of regret that the number of our students is not larger. Two causes may be assigned for this. The first is the establishment of the Western Theological Seminary. The second is the depression incident to the late civil war, which greatly diminished the number of candidates for the ministry in the classes of Rutgers College upon which we are mainly dependent for accessions to our number. In the course of

these years we may anticipate a large increase from that source. This depression is unfavorable, and was shared by all the colleges in the Country. Meanwhile we must possess our souls in patience, and we ask our brethren to do likewise, and remember that if they feel this to be a grievance much more do we. Amid all discouragements we are not disheartened for we are persuaded that our gracious Father in heaven who has made this seminary a fountain of blessing to the Church has neither forgotten nor forsaken us. But yet we cannot disguise the fact that the failure of the endowment at the very time when it was deemed complete, was a heavy blow to the Institution. But we can hardly deceive ourselves that the Church can or will allow that failure to be permanent. A comparatively small sum from each of our Reformed Churches would place the Seminary on a level with the most favored Theological Schools in this Country, so far as concerns the matter of Endowment. All that is needed is concerted action on the part of the friends of the Seminary, and the deficiency can easily be supplied. As it is all we must remember that the last effort to Endow the Seminary has already resulted in the addition of from sixty to seventy thousand Dollars to the investments held by Synod's Board of Direction. It may not be improper to suggest that a fourth house on the Seminary Campus should be built without unnecessary delay. All that we can do to promote the best interests of the Theological Seminary we are ready to offer as a cheerful service to the Master, and the Church which He loved, and for which He

for himself.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. H. Berg
T. M. Wonbridge
John De Witt
David D. Demarest.

Art VII

Examinations

The Examinations were conducted in the following Order

1. On Tuesday afternoon Prof. Berg examined the Middle Class and the Senior Class in Theology.

2. On Tuesday evening Prof. Wonbridge examined the Junior Class in Sacred History, the Middle Class in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church History and also in Church Government.

3. On Wednesday forenoon Professor De Witt examined the Junior Class in Hebrew, the Middle Class in Hebrew, the Senior and middle Classes in Greek and in Biblical Criticism, and the Senior Class in Hebrew. Students of the Senior & Middle Classes also placed sermons on the

4. On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Demarest examined the Junior Class in Homiletics and Sacred Geography the Middle Class in Public Worship the Senior Class in the Constitution and Pastoral Theology. The Students of all the Classes were interrogated whether they had obeyed the Laws of Synod relative to students preaching and answered affirmatively.

5. Wednesday Evening the Students of the Senior Class were heard in preaching, and were examined in personal piety, and views of entering the Ministry

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Resolved: Unanimously, that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended for their Professional Certificates.

Art VIII.

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the reception of Students presented the following report which was accepted & adopted.

"The Committee on the reception of Students into the Theological Seminary met in Albany Hall, Sept. 20th 1867, at 12 M. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Isaac Adams, Chairman of the Committee. Rev. D. Demarest was appointed Secretary. The following members were present, Rev Dr Yeomans, Rev Dr J. H. Linsley, Rev. A. P. Van Nieson, Rev. Stephen Kaye, and Professors Lansing, Berg, De Witt, and Demarest.

The following students were then examined in relation to their Credentials in regard to declamation, standing and literary attainments, of their personal piety and views in desiring the Ministry, received as members of the Junior Class of Bergen, from the South Church of Bergen James B. Campbell from the Church at Coeymans John Swanson Church " Kinderhook

Hearne in Rip — Jeanne Rhoades

Charles P. C. Van Rensselaer — Albany

William H. Van Doren — Greenville

It was resolved that the Professors be empowered to examine and receive such persons into the Seminary as may apply after the adjournment of the Committee.

The Minutes were read & approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr Linsley.

David D. Demarest

Secretary

extract from the Minutes of the Seminary Board

Theological Seminary, Oct 3. 1867

"Alfred E. [illegible] a candidate of Williams College & class Mall pr. having been examined in personal piety and views in entering the ministry, and their talents & qualifications being found satisfactory, were received as members of the junior class."

A true copy

David D. Demarest

Secretary of the Faculty

On Synodical Minutes

"The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report, that there seems nothing contained therein requiring the attention of this Board.

John S. Demarest

Ch'n

On the Professorial report

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Professors of the Seminary, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the paper committed to them, and find the following subjects claiming the attention of the Board.

The report opens with the statement that the number of students in the Seminary during the past year has been 27, and accompanies the statement with expressions of regret that the number is so small. With these reports your committee deeply sympathize. It is certainly a fact greatly to be deplored, that a Seminary so venerable in years, and so thoroughly furnished with professors should be deficient in nothing so much as students, especially is this true in view of the urgent need in our church at the present time of earnest and educated ministers. The report attributes the small number at present connected with the Seminary to the establishment of a Theological School

Dear Sir: We think however, as it may be necessary the Church carefully to consider the subject of supplies for the ministry; and your committee recommend that this matter present to the General Synod as its earnest convictions in reference to the matter. The Report also presents the subject of an increased endowment of the Seminary, a subject which is vital to its future growth and efficiency. The ultimate future of the attempt to supplement the endowment of the three original professorships should in the judgment of your Committee by no means paralyze efforts in this direction, while the interests of the Seminary itself, and the church at large alike necessitate immediate efforts to secure a large increase of the Professorial fund. Your Committee therefore recommend that the General Synod be urgently requested to inaugurate measures for increasing the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Newmarket. Your Committee also endorse the application of the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology that he be placed upon an equality with his colleagues in this respect. And though in the judgment of the Committee, the first work should be to increase the endowment of the Seminary they further feel that at the earliest practicable period a house should be secured for the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

In conclusion your Committee rejoice to witness the expressions of gratitude uttered by the Theological Faculty in reference to the physical health, the mental vigor, and the spiritual growth of the students under their care. Uniform excellence in these several respects is reported by the Professors as characteristic of all the young gentlemen in the several classes. With special gratitude also do we record the prevalence of an increased missionary spirit in the Seminary during the past year, and the

consecration of two members of the Church to the work of Christ among the heathen.

Respectfully submitted

Jno. McC. Holmes Chn.

Report to General Synod.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Herbert Hall at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 19, at 12 o'clock M. and adjourned on Wednesday Evening. The last President, Rev. J. C. S. Hives, called the Board to order, took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. E. Van Santvoord was chosen President, and Rev. A. D. Lee Re Clerk pro tem.

The following members were present. (See Art 11) The following Classes were not represented in the Board viz. Greene, Holland, Illinois, Kingston, North Long Island, South Long Island, Michigan, New York, South New York, Schenectady, Washington, Wisconsin. The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of the time for which they were appointed:

Rev. Cyril Spaulding, of the Classis of Greene,
J. C. S. Hives, Ulster,
H. G. E. Vee, Schenectady,
Abraham Thompson, Illinois,
Richard De Witt, Kingston,
J. J. Oggel, Holland,
J. S. Demarest, Paramus,
D. H. Snyder, [illegible]

The seat of Rev. A. V. Van Vleck has been vacated by his removal from the North Classis of Long Island and that of J. Duryea by his removal from the Classis of New York.

Members are to be appointed from the following Classis:

From the Classis of Greene, for the full term.

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Senior Class of Hackettstown for the past term

Juniors " "

Sophomore " "

Paramus

Freshmen

Ringwood

Middle

Lake Hopatcong

Old Classis Kingsland one year

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Seminary during the past year:

(See Professor's Report Art VI.)

Under the organization of your Board the Report from the Professors was received, gratefully as manifesting the divine goodness in preserving to the prayer care health, the mental vigor, and the spiritual growth of the students to whose care.

The same report notices an increase of missionary spirit in the Seminary during the past year as indicated by the consecration of themselves to the work of Christ among the heathen by two young men of the Senior Class.

The attention of the Board is called to the necessity of an increased endowment of the Seminary as a subject of indisputably vital interest to its efficiency and growth. The failure of the attempt to supplement the endowment of the three original Professorships throws upon the Church the work of supplying the deficiency by a large increase of the Professional Fund.

In reference to the whole subject of providing for the Professors, the Board is constrained to urge upon General Synod the great importance of immediate measures for completing the endowment of the Theological Seminary, and to provide a permanent endowment for the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology

It is but just to place all the Professors on an equal footing in this respect, and it is the judgment of the Board that after the endowment has been secured (unless the result can be obtained independently of the above named objects), there should be no delay in filling up the complement of Professors houses upon the Seminary grounds at New Brunswick.

In the Professors' report attention is called to the fact, that the number of students in attendance during the past year has not exceeded twenty seven. (27) Whenever the Church has completed its temporal arrangements, either for Education or worship, its work is but just begun. Experience shows that it is too often regarded then as finished, as the glory of the Temple is the deity with his service in spirit and in truth, and not the decorations or appointments so with the wants of the age upon us we are need to give expression to the thought that what above all things is to be desired for our Seminary is (desired usefulness). The Seminary has now been without its devoted friends and patrons, but does the Church duly cherish the objects for which the institution is constituted?

It is plain that there is no comparison between the relative consecration of money and of persons to these objects. In our public schools the cost of individual Education does not exceed the one thirtieth part paid by the Church for the Education of her ministry. Is the Church satisfied to receive in compensation for nearly twenty thousand Dollars annual outlay the Education of less than thirty of her sons?

The same outlay would furnish instruction as cheap to two hundred as to twenty, and who does not see that the error is not in the liberal endowment but in the niggardly supplies of the material? The small number of our students can be

cannot, or but very partially by the actual community of the western metropolitan school, or by the discouragements resulting from the late war and its consequences. The small increase in supply from competing theological seminaries over the land doubtless contributes to lessen the number in northern institutions but the real difficulty lies in the spirit of the age, the declension of sentiment in religion, the excessive labors of the ministry, and the peculiar condition of the church. More attractive paths of life lie open on every hand to tempt the untried footsteps of the young, while the uncertainties of his position, the busy competitions of conflicting denominations, and the prospect of meager pecuniary age enter the neophyte from the long and stony path of the dreariness of preparation. The real causes of the deplored result lie at the heart of the church beyond doubt. It is our conviction that to supply the living wants of the churches, and to meet their growing demands, there must be a multiplication of conversions among the young, and a new consecration among us all. The cause in question invites the heart, cooperation of every class. The supply and support of our ministry depend upon the body of the church. What much may and ought to be done by Ministers & Elders, by the Theological Professors themselves, and the students through direct appeals, and personal influences at home & abroad to invite and to encourage candidates for the office, the humblest mother in the Church should bring her Samuel to the altar, and the prayers of believers for revival in our bondage will issue in a liberal supply for our pastoral harvest.

These views, it is conceived, touch the merits of the problem. Do they not force upon the conscience the conviction that the great dead demands of our Ministers and Councils hearty cooperation in doing every thing, which we have already, [illegible] upon

cannot be stated from extinction without the inner vital influence of the Spirit of God. Already so much has been done to take the work backward. Let the work go on until the recommendations and the provision for their support are complete, but let us beware lest we forget that we have the only begun the real work of furnishing the living ministry to the multitudes who are every where as sheep without a shepherd.

It is the desire of your Board to connect to General Synod in the most expressive manner our convictions in this important subject, and that its claims may be brought before the Church in such a way as to secure the interest and effort to which it is entitled. If the value of the harvest depends upon the supply, and the efficiency of the labor, we may see there is no room in any direction for rest or diversion of energies until in an application to the case in hand the Scripture be again fulfilled, "the word gave the word - great was the company that published it."

The several examinations of the students were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board. The usual inquiry was made of the members of the Senior class in relation to their views in entering the ministry, and of the various classes as to their observance of the rule in regard to preaching. Specimens of sermonizing were exhibited by the Senior Class.

It was unanimously resolved that the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior class be recommended to the Professors to receive the usual certificates.

Resolved, that the Board of Superintendents feels called upon to express its satisfaction of the evidence given through the examinations of the several classes - of the unabated interest and vigor

of life manifested by the Theological Professors in the discharge of their duty, by which an earnest and in season has been wrought in the students, and would urge upon the Church to cooperate vigorously in the support of the Theological Seminary, assuring them that its work there is faithfully done.

No address was delivered before the Board owing to the absence of both the brethren appointed to that service.

C. Van Antwerp
President.

Pro. V. Halsey Cor.

Art. IX

Particularia

A committee consisting of Rev. J. C. R. Hoes, T. C. Strong, and Garret C. Schenck was appointed to make arrangements for the examinations, and report at the opening of the afternoon session. The Committee reported, and their report was adopted.

The motion carried, that the hours of meeting shall be 9 AM. & 2½ PM. and of adjournment 12½ and 5½ PM.

Rev. T. W. Mills, and Jaine Cole were licensed after their examination, the persons appointed to address the students being absent, they were addressed by the President on Wednesday evening.

Rev. John McC. Holmes was appointed primarius, and Stephen Searle secundus, to address the students next year.

Art X

Resumption and Close

The Minutes were read and approved.

Art XI

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer.

C. Van Antwerp Pres.

J. P. Duke Clerk pro t.

Officine Copy of the Minutes

H. D. Langley Stated Clerk

1869

May 18. 1869

The Board of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Hertzog Hall on Tuesday May 18. 1869, at 12 M., and continued its sessions until [illegible]

In the absence of the last President, Rev. G. Abeel D.D. was called to the chair and opened the Meeting with prayer.

Art II

Members Present

Rev. J. L. Pearse	from the Classis of	Albany
" W. V. V. Mabon	" "	Bergen
" Gustavus Abeel	North "	Bergen
" A. P. Peeke	"	Cayuga
" F. A. Horton	"	Greene
" John Mc C. Holmes	"	Hudson
" Augustus Blauvelt	"	Kingston
" W. H. Ten Eyck	North "	Long Island
" Garret C. Schenck	"	Monmouth
" J. H. Oerter	"	New York
" J. W. Mills	"	Orange
" B. C. Lippincott	"	Paramus
" Nathaniel Conklin	"	Passaic
" Horace Doolittle	"	Philadelphia
" Henry Dater	"	Poughkeepsie
" J. F. Mesick	"	Raritan
" Wm Anderson	"	Rensselaer
" Denis Wortman	"	Schenectady
" Jacob N. Voorhees	"	Ulster
" David Cole	"	Westchester.

Article III.

Election of Officers

Rev. David Cole, D.D. was elected President

Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck was elected Clerk pro tem

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Article IV.

Reading of the Minutes and Reports

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The rules were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees

1. On Reception of Students – Revs. W. H. Van Zyck, Benj. C. Lippencott, John McC. Holmes, S. N. Wells, together with the Faculty.
2. On Professional Report. Revs. J. L. Pearce, G. Abel, Denis Wortman
3. On Synodical Report. Revs. J. T. Meick D.D. Mr. Anderson, Augustus Blauvelt.
4. On Synodical Minutes. Revs. A. Doolittle Garret C. Schenck, A. P. Peake

Art V.

Communications

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty and referred to the Committee on the Professional Report.

"To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, the Theological Faculty, present to you their annual Report as follows.

The following gentlemen have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution

Senior Class

Edward G. Hoffman
Herman E. Berg
A. Aug. Bockstaver
Isaac P. Brokaw
George D. Bulst
James L. Southard
Peter V. Van Buskirk
John Garnsey Van Slyke 8

Middle Class

Francis G. Bergen
James B. Campbell
Peter E. Kipp
Elias Neal
C. H. C. Suckow
John H. Church
Wm. H. Van Doren 7

Junior Class

P. J. M. Bakker
Vernon B. Carroll

Arthur Cusby — Matthew N. Olivier
Wm. C. Davis — Peter L. Van Deusen
T. S. Hamlin — Lewis B. Voelis

Mr John V. W. Hermance was also received as a member of the Junior Class, but laboring at the time under great mental depression and doubts whether it was his duty to enter the Ministry, he withdrew before commencing his studies.

Mr Arthur Cusby desiring to complete his course in two years and finding that it was not allowable to omit the studies of the Junior year, nor practicable to compress the studies of both years into one, retired after being with us two months, with the prospect of being able to accomplish his wish in another institution.

Mr Bahler also of the Junior Class felt himself compelled by pecuniary embarrassment to stop in teaching from the 1st of January until the present time. The Faculty did not feel warranted in granting leave of absence for so large a portion of the year, and he was informed that the question of his being regarded as a member of the Class and being admitted with them to examination would be submitted to the Board of Superintendents.

Mr T. S. Hamlin did not enter upon his studies till the 1st of January. By private instruction from the Prof. of Sacred Literature, and great diligence on his part he was enabled to make up the time he had lost, and by his faithful attention to duty and proficiency in study, he has highly commended himself to his Professors.

By the blessing of God we have passed through the year without serious interruption by

ill health of Professors or students and with such tokens of divine favor toward the Seminary as forbid despair. Our numbers are small, and must continue so for another year, but looking to the lower classes in College and at the number in the Grammar School who are preparing for the Ministry, we have hope for the future. We may likewise say that the evil results of the insufficient provision for the respectable maintenance of the Seminary are ever before our eyes, and pressing upon our hearts. Our grounds and trees suffering for want of nourishment and culture, our dilapidated Hall, our worn and broken furniture, our scanty and ill-assorted library — every thing around us suffering for want of a moderate expenditure of money, and subjecting us to constant mortification — Have combined with our knowledge of the embarrassments of General Synod to produce deep depression. We feel thankful to God, however, that light begins to dawn. The noble generosity exhibited by one Christian man who has forbidden for the present the public announcement of his name, and the hearty interest manifested by many others in the full endowment of the Seminary, fill us with gratitude and hope. We respectfully ask the Board of Superintendents that in increasing the responsibility imposed upon them by the last General Synod, at the revision of the Electing Board Committee, some of these things may be forgotten — Library, Hall, furniture and grounds; and also that they will take care of the importance of providing with as little delay as possible, a successor for the Professor of Didactic Theology.

believe that some of these objects have been generally provided for in the effort instituted by the last General Synod, but that they are included in the General design and purpose of the Bertrag Hall Committee which is now constituted the Executive Committee of the Board of Superintendents.

There is yet another important subject in this connection to which we have called the attention of the Board. With the increased expensiveness of fuel and labor, the expenses of the Hall have become so great as to compel us to an assessment upon the terms which is onerous and almost intolerable to the students, many of whom are very poor. The amount received for this purpose from the General Synod is very small, and no greater now than 12 years ago. While other wants of the Seminary are receiving attention it might not hurt an addition to our income be obtained as would make the expenses incident to running in the Hall, if not merely nominal, yet not oppressive.

The Faculty also wish to state to the Board that there are in our Library in many instances from two to twenty copies of the same work, and to ask authority to use their discretion in exchanging duplicates for other books that are needed in the Library where it can be done to advantage.

By order of the Faculty
New Brunswick, May 12, 1869
David D. Demarest

The following communication was received from the Committee on the reception of students, as their report, which was received & adopted.

The Committee of the Board of Superintendents for the reception of students met in Sterling Hall on the 20th of September 1868, Present Rev. J. T. Mesick D.D. Rev. J. Gulick D.D. Rev. W. H. Campbell D.D., with Professors Berg, Berg & De Witt.

Dr Mesick was appointed Chairman, and Dr De Witt secretary. Opened with prayer by the Chairman. The following presented themselves, and after a satisfactory examination on personal piety, & views on entering the Ministry & furnishing the required testimonials of scholarship & Church Membership, were received as members of the Junior Class.

P. G. M. Bahler	N. V. W. Hermance
Vernon B. Carroll	Matthew N. Oliver
Arthur Crosby	Peter L. Van Derveer
Wm E. Davis	Louis H. Voorhees

The customary resolution was passed authorising the Theological Faculty to receive any who might afterwards apply.

Closed with prayer

J. De Witt, Clerk

Act. VII.

Examinations

The examinations were conducted in the following order.

1. On Tuesday afternoon Professor Berg examined the Senior and Middle Classes in Dogmatic & Polemic Theology

2. On Tuesday Evening Prof. Woodbridge examined the three Classes in the studies of his department.
3. On Wednesday forenoon. Prof. De Witt examined the three Classes in Hebrew, and the Senior and Middle Classes in Greek Exegesis
4. On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Demarest examined the three Classes in the studies of his department.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the close of Prof. Demarest's examination, the Seniors were heard in the delivery of sermons, and in the evening were examined in personal piety, and their views in entering the Ministry.

The address was delivered at 1/2 past 8 o'clock. Sermons were laid on the table for inspection by the Senior and Middle Classes. All the students were interrogated as to whether they had observed the law of hymns in reference to students preaching, and their answers were satisfactory to the Board.

It was Resolved, that the examination of the Several Classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professional Certificates.

Art. VIII

Reports of Committees

The committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following which was received and adopted.

"The Committee on the Minutes respectfully report, that they have carefully looked over the Minutes of the last General Synod and find the following items to which they direct the attention of the Board.

The Committee on the Professorate, on p. 477 imply censure on the Board for their hurried decisions. We refer to.

They call attention also to the organization of the Standing Committee on the Peter Vetsby Hall

"will not"

Your attention is also called to the 5. & 27" notices on the 479 page. With reference to the "committee" then spoken of it appears from the report of the Trustees from the Theological Faculty that it has been almost impossible to get a meeting of the committee, and they now failed to meet with the Board now in session as required, and as we cannot compel their attendance we can only refer the matter to General Synod with the hope that such persons may be appointed by the Synod as can give their attention to the business desired. We further call your attention to the following resolution on the 479" page "Resolved that the particular attention of all the Classes and of every member of the Board of Superintendents be and is hereby called to the large and continued deficiency in attendance upon the annual meetings of the Board of Superintendents, and that they be requested effectually to remedy this evil practice, which in many ways interferes with the best interests of the Theological Seminary.

The notice, finally, the answer of the Committee of Synod in Overtures to the proposal from the Fourth Classis of Long Island in regard to admitting Candidates to examinations who have not gone through the prescribed course of study.

All which is respectfully submitted

G. D. Schenck Clk.

Committee on the Seminary report presented the following which was received & adopted.

The Committee on the Seminary report have examined the papers placed in their hands and find the following matters demanding attention.

1. The vacant endowment and means for repairs. This whole matter is now in the hands of the

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The [illegible] Committee [illegible] [illegible] presented the following which was [illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible] Committee [illegible] report to the Board of Superintendents of the [illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible] that has [illegible] our attention in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the Committee on [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the Board, [illegible] with a proposal, the standing Committee [illegible] our joint executive committee consisting [illegible] members from each body to accomplish as soon as practicable the objects proposed by General Synod. This our committee, [illegible] the President of the Board, [illegible] necessary, upon directly [illegible] the standing Committee [illegible] report by our own members of the joint Committee that they have secured the valuable services of Rev. [illegible] Cornish. We [illegible] our sections was a gift of $40,000 from a member of the Christian Church in our work. We are prosecuting this work [illegible] discouragements and adverse circumstances, but with hope of a [illegible] success.

While there were other [illegible] interests of the seminary, [illegible] the attention [illegible] the church has been urgently [illegible] by General Synod we have [illegible] that the operations which Dr Cornish is carrying [illegible] first be [illegible] has come [illegible] under [illegible] for we also want of [illegible] institution as an immediate continuation of the effort to pay the debt and complete the endowment. The committee [illegible] come to hope that through the benefit [illegible] volume [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] work in which his [illegible] or measure [illegible] will be accomplished.

[illegible] a general appeal now to the [illegible] members of our church, and [illegible] be induced to continue in this [illegible] become [illegible] the high [illegible] proposed [illegible] institution, the Vestry Hall committee [illegible] and our seminary become [illegible]

[illegible] to any other theological institution in this country.

We wish to call the special attention of the Board of superintendents to the condition of the property at Fredericton which has been under their direction. Some of the main buildings in ordinary repair will require the expenditure of several thousand dollars. A considerable additional amount can be advantageously employed in remedying several great faults in its original section and in introducing water. The latter object is moved of very great importance to the comfort of the students. There was by the Board proposed to raise an amount for repairs to the hall but not more than one third of the sum was obtained, which was soon consumed either in unnecessary improvements, or in those which the building committee considered disgraceful to the Board.

The committee also report that the grounds are in a bad condition. The soil needs to be deepened and improved the roads and paths need to be reconstructed and the trees are wanting in need of attention.

The houses already on the property need the work which is advised on new buildings, after a year or two of strict care and settling, and the necessary costs of repairs within and without - also some more money is needed to complete the number of professorial residences.

The committee need hardly call the attention of the Board of superintendents to the necessity of a liberal provision for the Theological Institution since two years ago it was made the subject of an earnest appeal by the Board of superintendents to the General Synod, and by the Synod recommended to the churches.

In view of the importance of these objects your committee have felt that they would be warranted in exercising the authority given in 1857, "to employ an agent or agents" in obtaining the necessary amount,

The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of the time for which they were appointed.

Rev. Gilbert from the south classis of	Bergen
" J. P. Beeke	Cayuga
" J. Lansing Pearse	Albany
" H. M. Van Eyck	with Long Island
" C. C. Smith	"
" J. H. Beardslee	Michigan
Jen[illegible] Van Zomer	Minnesota
Stephen Searle	[illegible] Hudson River
" J. C. Sutphen	South "
" William Corwin	Illinois
" Horace Southworth	Iowa
" [illegible]	Fort Wayne
" John [illegible]	Raritan
" J. [illegible] Schlenker	[illegible]

These vacancies are all to be filled for the full term of three years.

From the report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological seminary.

(See Report - Int. V. p. 448)

After the organization of the Board the report of the Professors of Theology was received. They state that Mr John V. D. Wormouse was received as a member of the Junior class, but laboring at the time under great mental depression and doubt, whether it was his duty to enter the Ministry, he withdrew before commencing his studies.

Mr Arthur Crosby, desiring to complete his course of studies in two years and finding that it was not allowable to omit the studies of the [illegible] year, nor practicable to comp[illegible] both years into one entered at the beginning with us two months with the prospect of being able to accomplish his wishes in another institution.

Mr Bahler, also of the Junior class, felt himself

[illegible] of pecuniary embarrassment to engage [illegible] from the 1st of January, while the present [illegible] Trenton, did not feel warranted in granting [illegible] leave of absence for so large a portion of the year and he was informed that the question of his being still regarded as a member of the Class, and being admitted with them to examination, would be submitted to the Board of Superintendents.

Mr. J. J. Hamlin did not enter upon his studies till the 1st of January. By private instruction from the Professor of Sacred Literature, and great diligence on his part he was enabled to make up the time he had lost, and by his faithful attention to duty, rare proficiency in study, he has highly commended himself to his Professors. They report that, "By the blessing of God we have passed through the year without serious interruption by ill health of Professors or students, and with such tokens of Divine favor toward the Seminary as herein despair. Our numbers are small, and must continue so for another year, but looking at the lower classes in the College, and at the number in the Grammar School who are preparing for the ministry we have hope for the future".

Reference is here made to the pecuniary affairs of the Institution, but these statements we will not repeat as they are full, and placed in the report of the Standing Committee on Retiring Hall, and incorporated in the latter part of this document.

There is another item to which attention is called. "With the increased expensiveness of fuel and labor the expenses of the Hall have been so great as to compel us to make an assessment upon the rooms which is onerous, and almost intolerable to the students, many of whom are very poor. The amount received from General Synod is very small, and no greater than 12 years ago. While other wants of the seminary are receiving attention, might not

such an addition to our income be obtained as would make the expenses incidental to running in the Hall if not merely nominal, yet not oppressive."

The Faculty also state to the Board that there are in our Library in many instances from 2 to 20 copies of the same work, and ask authority to use their discretion in exchanging duplicates for other books that are needed in the Library, when it can be done to advantage.

The Board of Superintendents by special resolution have expressed the hope that liberal minded individuals in our denomination will provide the ways and means to meet these assessments on the rooms in Bertrag Hall. They have also recommended that discretionary power be granted to the Theological Faculty to exchange duplicate copies of works in the Library for other books as they have proposed.

The usual examinations of the several Classes in the Seminary were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board.

The Senior were examined on personal piety and their views in entering the ministry, and also gave specimens of sermonizing. Sermons were also laid on the table by the two higher classes for inspection. All the students were interrogated as to their observance of the rule in regard to students' preaching and their answers were satisfactory. It was unanimously resolved, that the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors to receive the customary certificate.

In reference to Mr Bahler who has been absent from the exercises of the Seminary from the 1st of January having been employed in teaching to remove pecuniary embarrassment, the Board of Superintendents would state that Mr Bahler has sustained

a satisfactory examination with his class, and has in other respects commended himself to the approbation of the Professors; and that they recommend him to General Synod for a dispensation as to the time during which he was absent from the Seminary.

The annual address to the students was delivered by the Rev. J. McCartee Holmes on Wednesday evening in the Chapel.

In order to secure in future a full attendance of the members of this Board they recommend to General Synod the adoption of some measure whereby the Synodical Classes may be led to institute an inquiry as to the attendance of their delegate at the annual meeting, and if he has been absent, as to his reasons for the omission of this duty.

The Standing Committee appointed on Kettrey Theological Hall made their report to the Board of Superintendents in conformity with the resolutions of General Synod adopted in 1868 (p. 41), of the Minutes, as follows

(See Report recorded full - Art VIII. p. 455 – 458.)

The Board of Superintendents desire to express to General Synod their deep conviction that the time has come when every effort ought to be made to obtain at least $200,000 to relieve the Theological Seminary from all the hindrances to its usefulness specified both in the report of the Theological Professors and of the Committee on Kettrey Hall as they are recorded in this paper; – in fine to secure for it ample and sufficient endowment, that it may afford every opportunity and help for the thorough preparation of our Theological Students for their high calling, equipped by the best seminaries in our land. We heartily commend and endorse these plans and aims as vital to the growth and prosper

ity of our Lutheran church.

We also respectfully suggest, from the almost insuperable difficulty of convening the Committee in Nassau Hall, in consequence of the pressure of their business engagements, that it would be good policy to select such laymen as members hereafter, as can attend at meetings, in order that the scheme for the endowment of the theological seminary may be brought to a speedy & successful conclusion, with the blessing of God.

Wm. Fullerton Chairman

Act IX

Particular Days

The Board resolved that the hours of meeting and adjournment be from 9 AM and 12½ PM. and 2½ and 5½ PM. and 7½ in the evening.

A committee consisting of Revs J. Fullerton, G. Abbott, and Mr Dickson was appointed to confer with the Faculty in regard to arrangements for the examinations.

The address to the students was delivered by Rev. J. McC. Holmes at ½ past 8 on Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Denis Mahoney was appointed Romanus to address the students next year, and Rev. B. C. Lippincott Secundus.

Act X.

Resumption and Close

The Minutes were read and approved

Act XI

Adjournment

The Board adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. T. Mercer DD.

David Cole Pres.

N. H. Van Eyck Clerk pro tem

Official Copy of the Minutes
D. D. Van Clef
State Clerk

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Article I.

The Synod of Superintendents met in the Chapel of Rutgers College in Trenton, May 17, 1870, at 12 M. and continued in session until Thursday Evening.

The President not having arrived at the hour of meeting, Rev. A. C. Millspaugh was called to the chair, and Rev. John McE. Holmes opened the session with prayer.

Article II.

Members Present

From the Classis of Albany	Rev. A. C. Millspaugh
Bergen	" W. V. V. Mabon
Greene	" F. D. Horton
Hudson	" John McE. Holmes
Kingston	" Jas. Blauvelt
North " Kingston	" Wm. L. Van Cleft
South " "	" Silas H. Manning
Montgomery	" Rev. M. Stansbury
New Brunswick	" C. D. [illegible]
Orange	" V. [illegible] Mills
Paramus	" C. [illegible]
Passaic	" [illegible]
Philadelphia	" [illegible]
Po[illegible]	" C. [illegible]
Raritan	" [illegible]
Rensselaer	" Wm. Adams
Rockland	" Philip Furbeck
Ulster	" Jacob V. Voorhees
Westchester	" David Cole
" South Classis of [illegible]	" [illegible]

Article III

Election of Officers

Rev. A. C. Millspaugh was elected President

Rev. Philip Furbeck was elected [illegible]

Article V.

Reading of the Minutes and Rules

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read. The Rules of Order were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed:

1. On reception of Students
   Rev. E. P. Drumm, J. H. Manning, C. D. Hartranft, John Faulner
2. On the Professors' Report
   Rev. D. Cole, Aug. Blauvelt, John McCook
3. On the Synodical Report
   Rev. H. Lerych, P. M. Doolittle, P. Conklin
4. On the Synodical Minutes
   Rev. O. E. Cobb, Jacob N. Forbes, R. H. Hanchon

Article VI.

Communications

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty, and referred to the Committee on the Professor's Report.

"To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, located at New Brunswick.

The Theological Faculty respectfully present their annual report as follows:

The following students have been in attendance on the exercises of the institution.

Senior Class

James B. Campbell
John D. Church
Peter E. Kipp
Elias Mead
G. N. G. Vandervoort

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Middle Class

P. F. M. Bahier
Fermon B. Carroll
William E. Davis
Matthias N. Olivier

Junior Class

Edward Cornet
Robert Doig
William Elliot Griffis
John Hart
William J. Hill
Edward Lodewick
Ferdinand V. Schenck

Messrs Bergen and Vanderveer are we are told, in Germany pursuing their studies.

Mr Van Doren has been occupied during the year in the service of the American Tract Society, and expects to return in the Autumn to complete his studies.

Mr Hamlin has been dismissed to the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Mr Harrison to the Andover Theological Seminary.

Mr Edward Cornet was on the 1st of March admitted by the Faculty to the Exercises of the Junior Class, and we now refer his case to the Board of Superintendents for action. He has, as his Testimonials show, pursued literary, and to some extent, theological studies, in various schools in Europe. He has not been able to accomplish much this year because of the shortness of his time with us, and his imperfect knowledge of the English language. His case is a peculiar one. His purpose is to minister in the French language to his Countrymen in the United States. We lay his testimonials before the Board, and recommend favorable action in his case.

Mr. William J. Bell, having finished his Sophomore year in Rutgers College was, at his request, allowed to attend the exercises of the Junior Class. We could not receive him as a member of the Seminary without a Diploma, or its Equivalent. He has been diligent in his studies, and wishes to be admitted to an examination with the Junior class, and to be recommended to the General Synod for a dispensation to enable him to go on with the Class as a member of the Institution.

Mr Schenck has been unable, by reason of severe and protracted illness, to be with his class the greater part of the second term. He returned about the 1st of April, and desires to be examined with his class. His fidelity and progress during the first part of the year were such that we without hesitation and very cordially commend his case to the favorable action of the Board.

While there has been no other case of serious sickness among the students, yet several have at times been interrupted in their studies by temporary illness.

Mr Griffis has been prevented from attending to a considerable number of the exercises of his class by engagements entered into for pecuniary support, and which he declared to be necessary.

The faculty deem a familiarity with the Greek language of the greatest importance to the student of Theology. We are dependent on Rutgers College for the great majority of our students. The College affords to all its students the most ample facilities for pursuing the study of Greek and Latin through the whole course. We respectfully ask whether the General Synod should not require that our candidates for

the ministry avail themselves of this privilege to the end of their College course, instead of neglecting it, as has been the case with many during the last two years.

Respectfully Submitted
David D. Demarest
Secretary of the Faculty

Adopted by the Faculty
May 10. 1870

Accompanying this communication were the credentials and testimonials of Mr Edward Cornet, the French student referred to in the report. These were placed in the hands of the ~~spe-~~ ~~cial~~ committee on the Professor's Report, who reported them satisfactory.

A communication was received from Rev Denis Wortman stating that he had been nominated by the Classis of Schenectady as a member of the Board, but his nomination had not been sent to General Synod, neither had the Synod appointed a member in his place - Consequently the Classis was without representation in this Board.
On motion it was resolved that Rev. Denis Wortman be allowed all the privileges of the floor except that of voting.

A communication was received from Rev. V. Conklin resigning his position as a member of the Board from the Classis of Passaic, on the ground that he had been appointed by mistake, and stating that the Classis had nominated another person to be appointed by the General Synod should his resignation be accepted.
On motion the resignation was accepted.

Article VII.

Examinations.

The examinations were conducted on the fol-

Coming order,

1. On Tuesday afternoon Prof. Berg examined the Senior and Middle Classes in Didactic and Polemic Theology.

2. On Tuesday Evening Prof. Woodbridge examined the three Classes in Biblical and Church History

3. On Wednesday forenoon Prof. De Witt examined the several Classes in Hebrew, and the Senior and Middle Classes on the Epistle to the Romans, and in Biblical Literature.

4. On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Demarest examined the three Classes in Homiletics, Church Government, Pastoral Theology, and to Sacraments.

5. The members of the Senior and Middle Classes laid written Sermons on the table for the inspection of the Board.

6. The students were interrogated as to their having obeyed the rule of Synod in respect to students preaching, and the answers were satisfactory.

7. The members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of Sermons, and were also examined in personal piety and their views in entering the Ministry.

8. It was resolved, that the examinations of the several Classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professorial Certificates.

In the case of Mr Wm. H. Hill the Board

[illegible] that his examination be sustained, and that the question of his full admission into the seminary be referred to General Synod.

Article VIII

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the admission of students reported the following which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the admission of students in the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertog Hall on Tuesday Sept. 21. 1869 at 12 o'clock M.

The following members were present. Rev. Wm H. Van Eyck, Rev. B. C. Lippincott, Profs Woodbridge, Berg, DeWitt and Demarest.

Rev. W. H. Van Eyck was appointed Chairman, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Prof. Demarest was appointed Secretary.

The following persons having presented their certificates of Church membership and testimonials of literary attainments, and having been examined on their Christian experience and views in desiring the ministry, were received as members of the Junior Class.

Robert Doig of the Ref. Church of New Durham
John S. Kuest " " Addisville
Edward Lodewick " " East Greenbush
Ferdinand S. Schenck, Rattekill

Resolved, That the Faculty be authorised to examine and receive all applicants for admission to the Institution during the Current year.

Adjourned with prayer by Prof. Woodbridge

David S. Demarest
Secretary.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Standing Committee

ON THE

PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL,

TO THE

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS

OF THE

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REPORT.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America.

The Standing Committee, on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, respectfully present the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

ORGANIZATION.

The Committee organized June 25, 1869, by the appointment of James Suydam as Chairman, and W. J. R. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer. Israel Smith of New Brunswick was chosen to serve as a member of the Committee in place of William Wood, of New York, who declined to accept the appointment of the General Synod. After a few months Mr. Smith removed to Virginia, and Gardner A. Sage, of New York, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by his resignation.

By appointment of the Theological Faculty, Professor Demarest has taken the place of Professor De Witt, on the Committee, for the year.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY APPOINTED.

Under authority of the General Synod, the Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., was appointed the Financial Secretary of this Committee "for the collection of funds for the endowment and support of the Seminary, and for the general advocacy of its interests," as prescribed by the Synod.

COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY.

A sub-committee, called the Committee on Property, was appointed to take the supervision of the Theological Hall and grounds, with power to make all necessary repairs and regulations that are within the power of this committee.

The Committee, as now constituted, are Gardner A. Sage, Chairman, David Bishop, William J. R. Taylor, and David D. Demarest.

Under this general organization, the meetings of the Standing Committee and of the Property Committee have been frequent and always well attended.

CONDITION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE HALL.

A thorough examination of the Theological Hall was made and improvements have been accomplished, the results of which are herewith presented.

ROOF.

The roof, although comparatively sound, was leaky about the chimneys and needed painting.

HEAT.

The six furnaces were in a deplorable condition, not having been effectually cleaned for years,—every damper being either broken or fixed, and the radiating parts choked up with a solid mass of ashes. The flues of furnaces and chimneys were originally constructed so badly, that it was impossible to heat the edifice properly, and the only remedy was to cut through the solid brick walls, and to make extensive and costly alterations and repairs.

NEW APPARATUS REQUIRED.

The greatest necessity exists for a new heating apparatus for the building which shall be more powerful and economical of fuel. The old furnaces consumed, during the last year, an enormous quantity of coal. Notwithstanding all the expense laid out upon them in the fall, they have failed to warm the building thoroughly, although the winter was mild; and it is useless even to try to make the edifice comfortable with them hereafter.

LIGHT.

At the first meeting of the Property Committee, it was found that the building had been endangered for years by the use of Kerosene for lighting the rooms of students. Explosions of lamps had occurred, and in an apartment used as a kitchen for one of the Clubs, morning fires had been habitually kindled by the servant with this dangerous fluid.

We found that every policy of insurance upon the building was vitiated by these practices, and the Treasurer of General Synod procured extra hazardous risks by paying additional premiums until we could remedy the evil. This was done by immediately and absolutely prohibiting the use of any explosive compounds in the building. Arrangements were also made with the New Brunswick Gas Light Company for the introduction of gas. The pipes had been placed in the Hall when it was built, but had not been used for years, on account of the expense to the students.

An improved arrangement has been made in the gas fittings, by which separate meters are provided for the public lights of the Hall and for the students rooms. Burners of equal capacity have been put in each study room, which give ample light and equalize expenses to the occupants. The gas is shut off from the Hall during the day, which saves a loss by condensation upon some two thousand feet of pipe.

The light is now furnished at the lowest possible price, and to aid the students, many of whom felt the increased expense, over kerosene, to be burdensome, a considerable reduction (15 per cent.) is made by the Committee upon the bills for each room, upon prompt payment of the balance by consumers.

The gas is turned off promptly at eleven o'clock, every night. Safety and economy are thus secured, the lights are better, and the students are not oppressed by the increased cost.

WATER.

The only supply of water to the Hall, hitherto, was from two cisterns, and from a spring on the neighboring common, from which all that was used for drinking and culinary purposes had to be carried several hundred yards.

The third Professorial residence, also, has been occupied by Dr. Demarest over two years, without even a cistern, the family supply having been furnished from a cask of rain water, and a neighbor's well. Water pipes were put into this house when it was built, but there were none in the Hall. The other Professorial residences were amply furnished with this necessary element, being near the avenue through which the city water pipes are laid.

Your Committee have induced the New Brunswick Water Company to lay its mains through Seminary Place, under a guarantee of an annual income of ten per cent. upon their cost. The water

has been introduced into the Hall, upon the several floors. Water closets for night use and in cases of sickness, and a bath-room, with hot and cold water, and a large iron boiler holding seventy-five gallons, attached to a new kitchen range, have all been constructed with due care and economy.

The water has also been led into Professor Demarest's dwelling.

DRAINAGE.

These arrangements demanded a complete system of drainage, which has been accomplished to the satisfaction of your Committee. The expense was comparatively large, owing to the extent of the grounds, and the necessity of opening and reconstructing the old drain, which had filled up, and was never sufficient for the hall even without its present water supply.

WINDOW-BLINDS.

All the outside blinds of the one hundred and twenty windows were sadly out of repair, broken, and in need of paint. Another winter of neglect would have ruined them. A new set would have cost about two thousand dollars. They have been altered, repaired, painted, and placed inside the windows at a cost of a little over five hundred dollars. They will now probably last as long as the building itself, and add greatly to its appearance.

FLOORS.

The flooring of the principal hallways and of the corridors was made of poor material, and was quite worn out in many places.

The Committee have had these floors re-laid with hard woods, well seasoned and properly constructed. They are now a handsome addition to the appearance and comfort of the interior.

STAIRWAY AND WALLS.

The principal stairway has been straightened by taking down a a useless partition wall which obstructed the main hall.

The walls of the entrances have been repaired and neatly tinted.

PAINTING.

The whole exterior of the building has been painted with two coats of the best Averill Company's paint. The stucco was almost

without a break, and this solid coating of paint will preserve the walls and roof for years to come.

LIBRARY ROOM.

In view of the large amount of funds which have been raised by Dr. Cornell for the purchase of books for the Theological Library, it became necessary to provide ample room, and an entirely new arrangement of this apartment. We have therefore remodeled it by the erection of alcoves and cases, and provision will be made for suitable tables and other appurtenances of an attractive library and reading room. All of the old shelving has been used in the new construction. The alcoves are set apart for books given by donors of twenty-five hundred dollars each. Some of these will be memorials of deceased members of their own families, and all of them will bear likenesses of the donors or of those whose memories they are designed to perpetuate. For want of space, we have been obliged to fit up an upper room for some hundreds of volumes in the Dutch and Latin languages, and others in English which are not in much demand.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

A committee has been appointed to purchase books for the Library. This important duty will be discharged with the utmost care as to selection and economy. Orders have been given for books to the value of five thousand dollars, which have already been delivered.

PERIODICALS FOR READING ROOM.

The reading room will be supplied with a large selection of the most valuable foreign and domestic periodicals.

LIBRARY BUILDING.

In consequence of the large increase of books in the library, in number and value, it is the unanimous opinion of this Committee that we should, at an early day, endeavor to secure the erection of a suitable fire-proof library building.

We therefore request of General Synod, permission to use the Seminary grounds between the Hall and Professor Demarest's residence, for the erection of such building whenever the funds can be obtained for that object.

ORGAN.

A sweet-toned cabinet organ has been presented for use in the Chapel services, by Messrs. S. B. and I. L. Schieffelin, David Bishop, and Philip Phillips. For this timely gift the Committee have officially returned their thanks in behalf of the Seminary.

CHAPEL AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.

Nothing has yet been done to improve the Chapel, which greatly needs tasteful refitting. The whole interior of the building, also, should be repainted, and the walls put in order. Other improvements suggest themselves which can be made as we have the means and opportunity.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING.

The thorough examination and repairs which we have been obliged to make, enable the Committee now to state that, from its foundation to its top, its walls are excellently laid, that the materials, whether of stone or brick or mortar, are of the best quality and that the building is very strong. The principal defects are in the wood work, and that more in some of the materials, than in the workmanship. When the remaining improvements are finished, the Hall will require nothing more than ordinary repairs for many years.

FENCES AND GROUNDS.

The fences have been put in good repair, and repainted.

The grounds need improvement, plans for which are under consideration.

The permission of General Synod is needed to enable us to improve George street upon the eastern front. A resolution for this purpose should be referred to the Synod.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF THE HALL.

We now come to a subject of vital importance, the *internal management* of the Theological Hall.

After a very careful consideration of the whole subject, with the experience of years and the immediate condition of things to guide them, your Committee concluded that the only remedy for acknowledged and chronic disorders of the establishment was to be found

in its competent and thorough superintendence. There was no head, no family influence, no system of efficient domestic regulations.

Without further specifying the difficulties to be remedied, we only state that the Standing Committee assumed the responsibility of making a radical change in the internal direction. The Theological Faculty were fully consulted, and united with the Committee in furthering the new plan of superintendence, so as to make the Hall, in accordance with the intentions of the benevolent founder, not only a School of the Prophets, but a genteel Christian Home.

RECTOR.

For this purpose it was determined to appoint a *Rector*, whose duties shall be the general supervision of the Theological Hall and grounds, the boarding of students, care of rooms, collection of funds from students for room rent, gas bills, &c., and the enforcement of the regulations adopted for the government of the Hall.

REV. P. J. QUICK APPOINTED RECTOR.

The *Rev. Peter J. Quick* was then appointed *Rector*, at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, together with the use of domestic apartments for himself and family, and with fuel and lights.

Mr. Quick formally entered upon his duties on the 18th of October, 1869. Much of his time has been properly devoted to organizing the complicated work of superintendence of so large an establishment, where everything had to be constructed from the foundation upwards.

RESULTS.

Your Committee are satisfied that under the Rector's systematic management and conscientious devotion to his duties, with the cordial assistance of his excellent wife, a complete revolution has already been wrought in the domestic regime of the institution. A gratifying improvement is manifest in every department of the Home. The revised regulations of the Hall, a copy of which is herewith presented, are well observed. Cleanliness, order and domestic comforts abound. The students' rooms are properly cared for. When sickness comes, the invalid receives the attention of a Christian family. A plentiful table furnishes excellent fare to all students who choose to avail themselves of it, at the *mere cost* of

provisions and servant hire, and without regard to pecuniary profit. The social, moral and religious influences of the institution have been carefully promoted. The success thus achieved promises still greater advantages in future, under the same system of supervision.

The kitchen and dining-room have been entirely re-fitted with necessary conveniences. The sum of $247 94 was paid for articles to furnish these apartments in a respectable manner. This property belongs to the Hall, and most of these expenses need not be repeated for years to come.

From the Rector's report, which covers the period from October 18, 1869 to April 6, 1870, at the close of the second collegiate and seminary term, we learn that the table expenses were $1,532; servants' wages $180 89—total $1,712 89. The income from boarders during the same period, was $1,659 56, leaving a deficiency of $52 33. These figures show the close accuracy of his calculations, and also that *no profit* was made upon the students. Indeed, this latter was one of the conditions of his acceptance of the Rectorship; and it was the principal reason for paying him a salary as an officer of the Seminary.

The principle we believe to be essentially correct. It also enables us to bring the cost of board down to the lowest figure for which a respectable table can be furnished, with the care of the students' rooms.

The whole number of students now boarding with the Rector is twenty-seven. Next year it will be larger.

With these statements we respectfully submit our action in this most important matter to the Board of Superintendents, asking their careful investigation, and, if approved, their emphatic sanction.

This Committee unanimously express their convictions that such a system of personal and official superintendence is essential to the welfare of the institution physically, morally, and religiously. To abandon it now will be to go back to the reign of irresponsibility and disorder, to reinstate the club system of boarding, with all its evils, which we found it necessary to uproot and destroy; and in fine, to undo all that has been done to make the Hall, not a boarding house, not a refectory, not a commons, but a real and proper Christian Home.

It is worth to the Church and to the institution far more than it may cost, and, if abandoned at all, it should be only to make way for something better.

Time should be given to test it fairly, and to improve its incidental defects. Another year will afford ample opportunities for these purposes.

SALARY OF THE RECTOR.

The salary of the Rector, thus far, has been provided by the Committee, who will also secure it for the coming year, if the office is continued. Should this plan be confirmed, it will greatly promote its efficiency, and the domestic comfort of the Rector's family, to provide them suitable apartments on the first floor, instead of those now occupied in the third story. But this would require changes which cannot be made immediately.

ROOM RENT NOT INCREASED.

We are happy to state that the room rent of the students has not been increased over that of the previous year.

AID FOR STUDENTS.

Liberal friends of the Seminary have also provided the Committee with pecuniary assistance for some students whose straitened circumstances would not otherwise permit them to board in the Hall.

With an improved system of heating, the reduction in the cost of fuel will benefit all who occupy the building.

FURNISHING ROOMS OF STUDENTS.

A circular has lately been issued, of which a copy is transmitted herewith, soliciting donations from the churches for refurnishing the rooms of the students. The necessity of this is self-evident to any visitor. We hope to receive funds enough for doing this good work during the summer vacation.

By all these means we aim to make a residence in the building and board at the Rector's table more desirable than at any private boarding-house, and to commend to our rising ministry, and to their parents and friends, the privileges and safe-guards of this Christian institution.

FOURTH PROFESSORIAL RESIDENCE.

We are happy to report the purchase of a fourth professorial residence, and the large and eligible plot of ground upon which it

is located, directly opposite the South East corner of the Seminary property. For this the Church is indebted to two members of this Standing Committee—Messrs. James Suydam and Gardner A. Sage, who have paid the sum of eighteen thousand dollars in cash, (nine thousand dollars each) and have deeded the property to the General Synod.

For such benefactions, their brethren of the Committee feel that the Church cannot be too grateful, not only to the liberal donors, but to God, for whose service and glory the gift has been laid upon the altar.

LABORS OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

The Committee now desire to state that for all that has been accomplished, with the blessing of the Lord, the Church is indebted chiefly to the indefatigable energy and enthusiastic devotion to his work of our beloved brother, the Financial Secretary.

The best evidence of his fitness for his great mission is to be found in its results. Since he began his work, February 8, 1869, to May 1st, 1870, he has secured the sum of $124,500. This includes the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, the purchase of the fourth professorial residence, the large provision of $37,500 for the purchase of books for the library, and the balance for repairs and improvements on the Hall and grounds, and for the Permanent Fund.

These facts, more than anything else that we can offer, will doubtless convince the Board and the Synod of the wisdom of retaining his services until his whole work shall be completed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Treasurer has received the following sums:

1. From John I. Brower, Treasurer of General Synod, interest on Mrs. Anna Hertzog's bequest for keeping the Theological Hall in repair	$1,360
2. Drafts of the Standing Committee	6,145
3. Rev. P. J. Quick, Rector, room rent of students, gas bills, etc	1,080 52
4. Miscellaneous	18 88
Total receipts	$9,204 40
The total expenses have been	$8,955 29

Leaving a balance on hand of.....	249 11
Errors excepted.	$9,204 40

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SUYDAM,
GARDNER A. SAGE,
DAVID BISHOP,
J. A. H. CORNELL,
WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR,
DAVID D. DEMAREST.

ACTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS ON THE ABOVE REPORT.

The following report of the Special Committee of the Board was unanimously adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, would respectfully recommend that this Board adopt heartily and fully this report as its own, with each and all the suggestions and recommendations therein contained, together with the following:

Resolved, That the changes made in the Theological Hall, both in regard to the repairs upon the building, and the internal regulations, meet with the entire and unqualified approval of this Board.

Resolved, That the Board recommend the General Synod to authorize the Standing Committee to co-operate with the city authorities, or land owners in the neighborhood, in the proposed extension of George street northward, beyond the Seminary grounds.

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to grant the use of a site for the erection of a fire-proof Library Building, as mentioned in said report.

Resolved, That this Board recommend on the part of General Synod some suitable expression of its grateful acknowledgments to James Suydam and Gardner A. Sage, for the valuable and munificent gift of a fourth professorial residence.

Resolved, That the General Synod be recommended to continue the present members of the Standing Committee of the Theological Hall for three years, with the view of carrying out the improvements already begun, as indicated in their report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. W. MILLS,
JOHN GARDNER, } *Committee.*
JOHN McC. HOLMES.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *Treasurer*, in account with the STANDING COMMITTEE on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

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1869.				
July	7,	To interest on Mrs. Hertzog's bequest	$1,060	
Sept.	6,	Collection from Church of Staten Island	15	
Oct.	8,	Rev. P. J. Quick, Rector, room rents	290	
	22,	Prof. Demarest, balance old account	3	88
Nov.	17,	John I. Brower, Treasurer General Synod, draft	2,400	
	17,	" " Janitor's wages	100	
	17,	" Fuel	20	
1870.				
Jan.	8,	" interest Mrs. Hertzog's bequest	300	
	26,	" draft of Committee	250	
	26,	" " "	2,000	
	28,	Rev. P. J. Quick, Rector, from students	255	
Mar'h	30,	John I. Brower, Treasurer, draft of Committee	1,200	
April	20,	" " " "	275	
	22,	Rev. P. J. Quick, Rector, from students	501	52
	22	" " "	34	
May	14,	John I. Brower, Treasurer, draft of Committee	500	
		Total receipts	$9,204	40

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1869.				
July	17,	C. Shepard, Record books	$7	50
	26,	Printing Circulars	10	
Sept.	24,	D. Bishop's order, Carpenter work	478	48
	24,	" " Furnaces	180	62
Oct.	8,	" " Painting blinds	62	50
	22,	" " Periodicals for Hall	20	
Nov.	16,	" " Painting Hertzog Hall	442	
	16,	W. J. R. Taylor, Treasurer, incidentals	10	50
	19,	D. Bishop's order, for great drain	363	18
	19,	" " Plumber's work	518	40
	19,	" " Drain pipe	192	19
	19,	" " Mason work	188	98
	19,	" " Gas Company pipes	250	16
	19,	" " H. Gowan, Janitor	151	68
	19,	" " P. J. Quick, contingent	50	
	19,	" " Gas bills (old)	20	16
	25,	" " Painting Hall	150	
Dec.	7,	" " W. Rust, paints	500	
	11,	" " Carpenter work	200	
	17,	" " W. O'Brien, painting fences	113	25
	30,	" " D. McRae, architect	10	
	28,	" " W. O'Brien, painting	40	
1870.				
Jan.	8,	D. Bishop's order, division fences	50	
	19,	J. A. H. Cornell, stamped envelopes	20	
	20,	Alexander Whitlock, Carpenter, balance	760	49
	20,	Wm. Rust, paints, balance	327	79
		Carried forward	$5,117	88

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1870.		Brought forward	$5,117 88
Jan.	20.	Frank Gregory, work on grounds	63 75
	20.	Elias Runyon, coal	520 80
	20.	N. B. Gaslight Company, gas bills	285 76
	22.	DeMott & Howell, wood for flooring	267 75
	22.	Dunham & Martin, masons	70 88
	17.	Joseph New, Painting	
	22.	J. C. Scott, Photographs of Hall	23 20
	26.	Hosford & Sons, Printing Circulars	14 75
	28.	Patrick Fiernan, Plumbing, balance	80 01
	28.	P. J. Quick, Furnishing Hall	86 —
	28.	" " "	156 85
	29.	J. Johnson & Son, Oil for Floors	4 60
	29.	C. P. Strong, Sundries	3 74
	29.	F. Gregory, Ditching and grading	21
	29.	Terhune & Van Auglen, Printing Rules	5
	29.	W. Rust & Sons, Brushes	3 74
	29.	W. M. Van Sickell & Co., Furnaces	27 13
Feb.	1.	New Jersey Railroad Company, Water Pipes	22 40
	11.	J. A. Williamson, Gas Tubing	37 44
Mar'h	15.	Petty & Hartough, Glazing	25 41
	15.	New Brunswick Gas Light Co., old bill, 1869	7 20
	15.	Connitt & Cathcart, Carpenters	56 01
	15.	Davis Carel, Mason, Dr. Woodbridge's house, 1866 to '69	20 81
	17.	Wm. Gibson, Flooring	196 40
April	1.	James Woodhall, Gas Fitting	112 02
	1.	W. M. Van Sickell & Co., Furnaces	10 13
	5.	H. McKaig, Plumbing	67 54
	21.	Prof. Demarest, finishing his house	275
	22.	Dunham & Martin, masons	47 49
	22.	N. B. Water Company	48 75
	22.	" Gaslight Company	270 98
	22.	P. J. Quick, Rector, sundries for hall	39 30
	22.	" " services of students	34
	22.	" " Janitor's wages 5 months	104 14
	22.	Isaac Voorhees, coal, June to Nov. 1869	256 50
	28.	Photographs for Alcove in Library	5
May	13.	Babcock & Co., printing circulars	7
	13.	D. D. Demarest, envelopes and stamps	3 53
	13.	J. Woodhall, hanging chandelier	3 66
	13.	Nevius & Clickener, painting	18 24
	13.	Photographs for Alcoves	21
	16.	P. J. Quick, Rector, 6 months salary	500
		Total payments	$8,955 29
		Balance cash in hand	249 11
			$9,204 40

Examined and found correct.

GARDNER A. SAGE,
DAVID BISHOP,
Auditing Committee.

At a meeting of the Faculty held Oct. 20. 1869. William Elliot Griffis was, after the usual examination received into the junior class.

David D. Demarest
Secretary.

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[illegible] that the changes made in the Thursday-evening roll call, both in regard to the exams upon the [illegible] and the internal regulations meet with the entire and unqualified approval of this [illegible].

Resolved, that the Board recommend the General [illegible] to authorize the Steering Committee [illegible] with the [illegible] authorities, [illegible] in the proposed [illegible] of [illegible] that [illegible] be given the Seminary [illegible].

Resolved, that the General Board be requested [illegible] the [illegible] for the [illegible] of a [illegible] building as mentioned in [illegible]

Resolved, that this Board recommend on the part of General Synod some suitable expression of its grateful acknowledgment to James Suydam, and Gardner A. Sage for the valuable and munificent gift of a Fourth Professorial residence.

Resolved, that the General Synod be recommended to continue the present members of the standing Committee of the Theological Hall for three years, with the view of carrying out the improvements already begun, as indicated in their report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. Mills
Wm. Varnum
John A. C. Holmes

The Committee on the General Report presented the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be sent to General Synod.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. met in Peter Berkey Hall on Tuesday, May 17. 1870 at 12 o'clock M. and adjourned on Wednesday morning.

In the temporary absence of the President Rev. A. C. Millspaugh was called to the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John A. C. Holmes. The Rev. A. C. Millspaugh was elected President, and the Rev. Philip Farbeck, Clerk pro tem.

The following members of the Board were present.

(See Art II.)

The following Classes were not represented in the Board viz: Acad. South Bergen, Cayuga, Geneva, Holl and Illinois, Michigan, Monmouth, New York, Schenectady, Schoharie, Wisconsin.

The seats of the following members have become vacant by the expiration of the terms for which they were

Appointed, viz.

Rev. Joseph Sendder from the Classis of Orange,
" W. V. V. Mabon " " Bergen
" J. C. Strong " " Geneva
" John McC. Holmes " " Hudson
" Garret C. Schanck " " Monmouth.
" D. H. Mills " " Orange,
" Philip Harbeck " " Saratoga,
" N. W. Letson " " Schoharie,
" Daniel Cole " " Westchester
" J. Van Vermeulen " " Wisconsin,

The Classes of Michigan and Schenectady are without representation in the Board. The resignation of the Rev. W. Conklin, of the Classis of Passaic, has been accepted by the Board. These three vacancies to be filled for two years, all the others for the full term.

From the report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the several classes of the Seminary.

(see Art. VI.)

Mr James H. Bergen, of last year's Middle Class, and Peter L. Vandervoort, of the junior Class, are said to be in Germany pursuing their studies.

Mr Wm H. Van Doren has been engaged in the service of the American Tract Society, and it is expected that he will return in the Autumn to complete his studies.

Mr A. V. Hamlin of the Middle Class has been dismissed to the Union Theological Seminary of New York City, and Mr Louis B. Voorhees, of the same class to the Dudonex Theological Seminary.

Mr. Edward Cornet was on the 1st of March [illegible] by the Faculty to the exercises of the junior Class. He has, as his testimonials show, pursued literary & to some extent theological, in various schools in Europe. His knowledge of the English language is imperfect. His purpose is to minister in the French

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language to his country were in the U. S. States the Professors recommend favorable action in his case.

The Board adopted the following:

Resolved That Mr Carr be allowed to pursue the Theological Course provided that he spend the summer vacation in the diligent study of the English Language, which the Committee deem indispensable to his success as a student of the Seminary.

Mr J. D. Chanak was presented by severe illness from studying with his class during the greater part of the examination. The Professors spoke in high terms of his progress and fidelity, and the Board admitted him to an examination with his class which he sustained with credit to himself.

The Faculty also report that Wm J. Hill having finished his Sophomore year in Rutgers College was at his request allowed to attend the exercises of the junior class. That he has been diligent in his studies, and wishes to be recommended to the General Synod for a dispensation to go on with the Class as a member of the institution. He was examined with the class, and his examination was sustained, and it was

Resolved That the question of his full admission into the Seminary be referred to General Synod.

The usual examinations of the several classes in the seminary were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board.

The Seniors were examined on personal piety, and their views in entering the ministry, and gave specimens of their method of sermonizing and manner of preaching.

The Middle Class presented sermons for the inspection of the Board.

The students were questioned in relation to their observance of the rule in regard to students preaching, and their answers were satisfactory.

Was Resolved, that the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual Professorial Certificate.

The annual address to the students was delivered on Wednesday Evening, by Rev Denis Mortimer.

The following paper was adopted by the Board.

(See paper of Rev C. D. Hartenstein - Particulars No. IX.)

The General Synod's Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall presented their annual report to the Board, which presents a very satisfying exhibit, and it is [illegible] with pleasure to the General Synod, with the accompanying resolutions.

(See Report of special Committee No VIII p. 470)

All of which is respectfully

Submitted -

W. H. Van Dyke
Chm

D Stanley State Clerk

The Committee on the Professorial Report presented the following which was adopted.

The Committee on the Professorial Report have read the said report and papers accompanying. They find the following matters claiming the attention of this Board.

1. Mr Edmond Cornet, a native of Brussels, and about 23 years of age, was upon application, admitted on the first of March to the exercises of the Junior Class. He has testimonials showing that he has pursued literary, and to some extent theological studies in various schools in Europe. He has not been able as yet to accomplish much here because of the shortness of the time, and because of his imperfect acquaintance with our language. His case is said to be peculiar. He wished to minister in the French language to his countrymen in the United States. He

Faculty recommend that he be permitted to pursue the course of the institution. Your Committee have no knowledge of Mr Cornet beyond this statement of the Faculty. They have examined his testimonials. These certify that he has pursued literary and scientific studies to a very considerable extent, and that he was for a time a member of the Theological School at Geneva. He has two certificates from Merle D'Aubigne, speaking in high terms of his character as well as of his diligence in study, and his aptitude for acquisition. "The Professor" Dr Merle says, "have a favorable opinion of his spirituality, and hope that by the blessing of God he may be useful in his chosen work." Your Committee have also seen written answers from Mr Cornet to several questions upon personal piety, and spiritual experience. The answers are highly satisfactory. They give evidence of good understanding of divine things and of genuine experience of divine grace in the heart.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following -

Resolved, that Mr Cornet be allowed to pursue the theological course provided that he spend the summer vacation in the diligent study of the English language, which the Committee deem indispensable to his success as a student of the Seminary.

Mr Ferdinand Sorbenick of the Junior class was absent during nearly all the second term from illness. He was very diligent before he was sick, and has been so since. He desires to be examined with his class, and the Faculty recommend that his request be granted. Your Committee join in this recommendation.

There has been much irregularity in the

attendance of some of the students during the year, caused by illness, and Mr Griffis has been somewhat interrupted by engagements entered into, as he declares, for pecuniary support.

The Faculty do not speak of any decided action on this subject, and the Committee have none to recommend in regard to it.

All which is respectfully submitted,

David Cole
Chm

Article IX

Pedagogia

The Rev David Cole, Rev John McCosh Holmes, and Rev. Jos Gardner were appointed a Committee to confer with the Faculty and arrange the order of the examinations.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were appointed as follows.

Of meeting 8 AM. 2½ PM and 7 PM.
Of adjournment, 12½ PM and 5½ PM.

The following paper, offered by Rev. C. D. Harrington was adopted.

"Whereas, next to the Philosophical and Dogmatical attacks upon the word of God, the Scientific are the the most formidable and the most attractive to the minds of the people; and

Whereas, the Minister of the word should be fully Equipped to meet its enemies on their own ground, and

Whereas, it needs a regular scientific training, combined with theological study to meet these attacks dogmatically and successfully; and Whereas the Pastor is responsible for the public worship, of which Praise is a grand musical part, and he should therefore be qualified to decide upon the musical expression of the Praise; and Whereas there are so many difficulties connected with the management of this part of

the public worship, and the ideas concerning the definite nature of Ecclesiastical Music are so vague in this Country, and at best can lay but little claim to art, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to General Synod, the establishment under proper restrictions, of two lectureships, one to treat of the connection of Science and Revelation; a second to treat of the Theory, Practice, and history of Ecclesiastical Music.

The Committee recommend the adoption of this preamble and these resolutions, provided the money for defraying the expenses of these lectures be primarily procured without infringing upon the present funds of the seminary, and the Board adopted the Committee's recommendation.

On Wednesday forenoon the Board held a joint meeting with the Meeting Hall committee, all of whom were present. The annual report of the Committee was read by the secretary, Rev. Dr. J. R. Snyder D.D. On motion the report was accepted, and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. D. H. Mills, Rev. John Gardner, and Rev. John McC. Holmes.

The address to the Students was delivered on Wednesday Evening, at 1/4 to 7 o'clock, by Rev. Denis Wortman.

Rev. M. V. Button D.D was appointed primarius, and Rev David Cole D.D. secundus to deliver the address to the Students next year.

On motion the Board adjourned with prayer by Rev Dr Hutton, after receiving a appointing the Minutes

A. C. Millspaugh Pres.
Philip Vanbeek Clk pro tem.

A true copy
A. C. Millspaugh, State Clerk

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Article I

The Board of Superintendents met in the Library of Hertzog Hall, on Tuesday, May 16. 1871, at 12 o'clock M. and continued its sessions until Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock.

The President Rev. A. C. Hillspaugh, called the Board to order, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Article II.

Members Present.

From the Classis of Albany	Rev. A. C. Hillspaugh
" " Arcot	" Joseph Scudder
" " Bergen	" J. Howard Suydam
South " "	" C. P. Scherme
" " Geneva	" Alex. M. Mann
" " Hudson	" J. V. Lansing
" North " Long Island	" W. H. Van Eyck
" South " "	" J. H. Manning
" " Monmouth	" Jas. B. Wilson
" " Montgomery	" R. M. Stanbrough
" " New Brunswick	" C. C. Hertzog
" " New York	" J. H. Carter
" South "	" W. J. Hutton
" " Paramus	" B. C. Lippincott
" " Passaic	" J. E. Bernart
" " Philadelphia	" John Gardner
" " Raritan	" P. M. Doolittle
" " Rensselaer	" Wm. Anderson
" " Schoharie	" Edwin Pedder
" " Ulster	" Jacob N. Voorhees
" " Westchester	" David Cole.
" " Cayuga	" A. P. Perkins.
" " Saratoga	" [illegible]

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Article III

Election of Officers

Rev. Alex. M. Mann was elected President, and Rev. P. M. Doolittle Clerk pro tem.

Article IV.

Reading of Minutes & Rules

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. The Rules were read

Article V.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed

1. On Reception of Students
   Rev J. W. Mumming
   " J. W. Suydam
   " John Gardner
   " W. H. Ten Eyck
2. On the Professor's Report
   Rev. T. N. Labiskie
   " J. E. Bernard
   " A. C. Millspaugh
3. On the Synodical Report
   " E. P. Terhune
   " J. B. Wilson
   " Joseph Scudder
4. On Synodical Minutes
   Rev. Edwin Vedder
   " R. M. Stanbrough
   " J. W. Oerter

Article VI.

Communications

The following communications was received from the Faculty and referred to the Committee on the Professor's Report.

The Theological Faculty would respectfully submit to the Board of Superintendents the following Report.

The whole number of students in the Seminary during the year has been twenty three.

Senior Class

P. G. M. Bahler
Vernon B. Carroll
William E. Davis
Matthew T. Oliver
William H. Van Doren 5

Middle Class

Edward Cornet
Robert Doig
William Elliott Griffis
John Hart
William J. Hill
Edward Ludewick
Ferdinand T. Schenck 7

Junior Class.

Asher Anderson
George R. Hamilton
Charles K. Jones
D. M. Knickerbocker
George V. Labaw
Calvin E. Lasher
John F. McLaury
Nicholas Pearse
Richard T. Pearse
Jacob M. Schenck
Graham Taylor
John E. Van Deventer 12

Mr Griffis of the Middle Class having been

to take charge of a School in Japan, accepted the invitation and has reached, we are informed his destination, and been kindly received by the Authorities.

Mr Jewett of the Junior Class, in consequence of his marriage, found his expenses so largely increased that he felt obliged to leave the Seminary, and was dismissed to enter another, where he stated he would be able to pursue his Studies with more economy.

Mr Knickerbocker of the same Class was compelled to break off his studies, on account of the failure of his eyes. He left for Europe in March hoping to return to the Seminary next Fall. We would recommend that he be allowed to go on with his Class at that time.

We are glad to report the good effects of having a Rector in the Hall. There is a marked improvement this year even over the last, and the moral effect of the prevailing order is perceptible in the whole life of the Students. The Spirit of prayer has we think, increased, and the sense of the greatness of the Ministerial work greatly deepened. Not only has the blessing of God been upon the School of the prophets in raising up for it Friends, but his gracious Spirit has not been withheld, and we look forward with joyful hope to the time when the standard of piety shall be

far above what it now is, and every student will feel that this Hall is no place but for earnest, studious and godly men.

Adopted by the Faculty May 12th 1871

David D. Demarest
Secretary

Article VII.

Examinations.

The examinations were conducted as follows.

1. On Tuesday afternoon Prof. Berg examined his classes in Didactic and Polemic Theology, part of the afternoon being occupied by Prof. Woodbridge, the examination by Prof. Berg being somewhat shortened on account of his indisposition.
2. On Tuesday Evening Prof. Woodbridge concluded his examinations in Church History.
3. On Wednesday forenoon Prof. De Witt examined the Junior Class in Hebrew, the Middle Class in Hebrew, and the Middle and Senior Classes in the First Epistle to the Corinthians.
4. On Wednesday Afternoon Prof. Demarest examined the Junior and Middle Classes in Liturgics, and the Seniors in Pastoral Theology, the Sacraments, and in the Constitution of the Reformed Church.
5. The Middle & Senior Classes laid sermons and analyses on the table for examination.
6. All the Students were interrogated as to their having observed the rule regarding Students' preaching, and their answers were satisfactory.
7. The members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of sermons, and were also examined on personal piety and their views in entering the ministry.

It was then

Resolved, Unanimously, that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professorial Certificates.

Article VIII.

Reports of Committees.

(1)

The Committee on the reception of students presented the following report which was accepted.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents convened in the Library of Hertzog Hall, Tuesday Sept 20, 1870, at 11 o'clock. Present, Rev. John Gardner, Rev Dr Manning, Rev. C. D. Hartranft, & Prof's Woodbridge, Demarest, and Berg. Rev. J. Gardner was called to the Chair, and Rev. C. D. Hartranft was appointed Clerk. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman. Eleven Candidates presented themselves for admission, who were examined as to their personal piety, and views of Entering the ministry. All of them furnished the proper testimonials of Scholarship.

Asher Anderson
George Rem Garretson
Charles Ketcham Jones
David Mulford Knickerbocker
George Warren Lafaugh
Calvin Edward Lasher
Nicholas Pearse
Richard Augustus Pearse
John Wyckoff Schenck
Graham Taylor
John Cornelius Van Deventer

On motion the above were received, and were there-

upon addressed by the chairman.
On motion the Faculty were empowered to receive such applicants as were thought qualified for admission.

adjourned with prayer by C. D. Hartranft

C. D. Hartranft
Clerk

Rev. Mr Hartranft.

Dear Bro. Please state in your report on admission of students, that Mr John F. McLaury was received by the Faculty into the Junior Class.

May 16 1871 D. D. Demarest

(2)

The Committee on the Professors' Report presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee have examined the report of the Professors of our Theological Seminary, and find that the following twenty three gentlemen have been in attendance upon the lectures during the past year, viz.

(See Act. VI)

Of this number Mr Griffis has left to take charge of a school in Japan, and Mr James of the Junior Class, a married man, has availed himself of special facilities for more economical living elsewhere, to remove to another Theological Seminary. Mr Knickerbocker of the Junior Class is in Europe, having been compelled to intermit his studies by the temporary failure of his eyes. The following resolution is proposed in accordance with the recommendation of the Faculty.

Resolved, That Mr. Knickerbocker be allowed to go on with his class on his return next Fall.

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The Professors report favorably upon the experiment of "having a Rector in the Hall." They report also a marked improvement in the religious tone of the Seminary, especially in the spirit of prayer which has been prevalent, and the deepened sense of responsibility manifested by the young men in view of their contemplated ministry. For all which, as for the increasing numbers of the students from year to year, and the generous patrons of the Theological Seminary whom the Lord is raising up, your Committee would thank God and take courage.

(Signed) J. N. Labaree Ch.

(3)

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report which was accepted.

Having examined the Minutes they find nothing requiring the action of this Board. They would, however, call attention to the following resolutions of General Synod. p112.

Resolved, that Mr William Rice be admitted to the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick as a member of the Middle Class.

Resolved, that the General Synod in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, authorize the Standing Committee on the Hall to coöperate with the authorities of the city of New Brunswick, or land owners in the neighborhood, in the proposed extension of George Street, northward beyond the Seminary grounds.

Resolved, that the Synod hereby grants a site, in the Seminary grounds, for the erection of a fire-proof building for the Library of the Theological Seminary, such site to be

chosen between the Hall and Prof. Demarest's residence, by the standing committee on Rents of Hall, under whose direction the building is erected, whenever the funds shall have been obtained for the object.

Submitted — E. Adder Ch^n

(4)

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of giving greater attention to Latin and Greek studies by those who are preparing for the ministry, as presented to the Board by Professor De Witt, reported the following preambles & resolution, which were accepted and adopted.

"Whereas, Colleges are universally adopting the Eclectic system, and

Whereas, some College students who propose to enter our seminary neglect the study of Latin and Greek after the Sophomore year, and thus have an insufficient knowledge of those languages for the advantageous prosecution of an exegetical course,

Therefore Resolved, that this Board request the General Synod to pass a law which shall in every practical case, require the study of Latin and Greek during as much of the college course as the student may attend.

Respectfully Submitted
C. D. Hartranft
Joseph Scudder
J. Howard Suydam

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(5)

The Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall presented their report which was accepted, and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. M. S. Hutton, Rev. Edwin Veider, and Rev. Lelah N. Strong.

(6)

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall presented the following report which was accepted and adopted, and ordered printed together with the report of the Standing Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Standing Com. on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved 1st That the Board feel that they cannot express in too high terms their approbation of the work performed by the Com. and their hearty approbation of the principles upon which it has been conducted, and that they most cordially adopt the report of the Com. and transmit it to General Synod as their own, recommending the adoption of all its suggestions and requests.

Resolved, 2nd That the Board have heard with great pleasure and sincere thankfulness of the liberality of Mr Gardner A. Sage, and Mr James Dingman, and would recommend to General Synod that the two new buildings about to be erected by their gen-

rooms be entitled the one "The Gardner A. Sage Library", and the other "The James Suydam Hall".

Resolved 3d: That the Board would express their grateful acknowledgment of the wisdom displayed by the Library Committee, and their cordial approbation of the principles upon which the books have been selected.

The Board of Superintendents also feel that in view of the report of the Com. they but gratify their own sense of justice, and of gratitude to the Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, when they record on their Minutes their approbation and their thanks for his invaluable services.

In Conclusion the Board suggest to the Committee on the Thos. Hall the desirableness of having their report published and spread before the church. The simple story therein told cannot but benefit the Church, and cheer the hearts of all who love Christ and our Church.

All which is respectfully submitted
M. J. Dutton Chm.

(7)

The Committee on the Synodical report presented their report which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to General Synod. It is as follows-

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met at Peter Hertog Hall, New Brunswick, on Thursday, May 16th, 1871, at 12 M. and adjourned on Wednesday evening at 10 P.M.

The President, Rev. D. C. Millspaugh opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Alex. H. Mann

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DD. was elected President, and Rev. P. M. Dod the Clerk pro. tem.

The following Members were present:

(see Art II. p 478)

The following Classes were not represented in the Board - viz. Greene, Maitland, Illinois, Kingston, Michigan, Orange, Poughkeepsie, Schenectady, and Wisconsin.

The seats of the following Members became vacant by the expiration of the term for which they were appointed, viz. Revs S. A. Horton, Jacob Vandermeulen, Egbert Winter, Augustus Blauvelt, J. H. Carter, B. C. Lippincott, William Anderson, and Jacob A. Toorhees.

Appointments are to be made by the next General Synod, for the full term, from the following Classes - viz.

Greene	Paramus
Maitland	Rensselaer
Kingston	Ulster
New York	Illinois.

From the report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary.

(See Art VI. p. 480)

The following items of interest are gathered from the report of the Faculty of the Seminary - (see Report of Faculty p 481)

The annual examinations of the Senior Classes in the Seminary were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board.

(see Art. VII. p. 482)

Professor De Witt, having called the attention of the Board to the insufficient & inap-

mation of the students in Latin and Greek, resulting from the omission of these studies in our Colleges after the Sophomore year, the following preamble and resolution were adopted by the Board.

(See Report of Special Com. (4) p. 486)

The Standing Committee appointed on Institution of Theological Hall made their report to the Board, whereupon it was resolved &c

(See Report of Special Com. (6) p. 487.)

The action of the Synod upon the resolution of the Board last year, respecting two proposed lectureships, referred to on page 11 of the Minutes, being unsatisfactory, the attention of the Synod is again called to this matter, and their resolution reaffirmed by the Board.

The annual address to the students of the Seminary was delivered by Rev. M. S. Hutton D.D. in the Chapel, on Wednesday Evening.

Respectfully Submitted.
Ed. P. Terhune
Joseph Scudder
James B. Wilson

P. D. Vandeveer Stated Clerk

Article IX.
Particulars

A Committee consisting of Revs. W. H. Van Eyck, J. H. Manning, and J. N. Voorhees, was appointed to wait on the Faculty, and arrange the examinations.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows. Meeting at 8 AM, 2½, and 7 PM. Adjournment at 12½ & 5½ PM.

On Wednesday morning the Board

held a joint meeting with the Northwest Hall Standing Committee, when the annual Report was read by the Secretary Rev. A. J. R. Taylor D.D. and adopted and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. M. S. Hutton, Rev. Edwin Hodder, and Selah W. Strong.

Plans of the proposed new building to be erected by Mr James Lenyaum were exhibited to the Board.

Rev Dr Cornelius was present with the Committee, and made a brief address to the Board.

Prof. De Witt called the attention of the Board to the deficiency in Greek preparation on the part of Students entering the Seminary on account of the omission of Greek from the course of College Studies after the Sophomore year. The subject was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs C. D. Hartranft, Jos. Scudder & J. H. Lenyaum.

It was Resolved, that the Resolutions passed by the Board last year in relation to Lectureships on Music and Science be adopted and that the subject be again referred to the General Synod.

Resolved that it be referred to the Theological Faculty to consider the propriety of establishing morning prayers in the Theological Hall.

Rev. M. S. Hutton D.D. delivered the address to the Students on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. Van Epps was appointed primarius, and Rev E. P. Terhune secundus to address the Students next year.

Adjourned with prayer, after having approved the minutes of the last meeting.

Alexander M. Mattoon
P. McDowell Clerk pro tem.

P. Strong Ref. Notes Clerk

Special Meeting.

The Board met in special session in the library of Astor Hall, on Thursday, Aug 31, 1871, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Alex. M. Mann, President, who also opened with prayer.

Article II.

Members present

The following members were present

From the Classis of Albany	Rev. W. C. Wispanger
" Acot	" Joseph Coulter
" Berne	" Edward Cuyler
" Geneva	" Alex. M. Mann
" Hudson	" J. J. Labrinkie
" Kingston	Philip Relter
North " Long Island	W. D. Van Eyck
" Michigan	" D. J. Stewart
" Monmouth	" Jas. B. Wilson
" New Brunswick	" John L. Lee
" Olean	" A. B. van Lenden
" Paterson	J. C. Demarest
" Poughkeep.	" C. C. Cobb
" Raritan	P. M. Doolittle
" Rensselaer	" E. D. Collier
" Schenectady	" J. V. Debaun
" Ulster	" M. L. Stenck
" Westchester	David Cole

Art III

Officers

Rev. Alex. M. Mann presided, and Rev. P. M. Doolittle was Clerk pro tem

Art. IV

Communications

A communication from P. D. Berg M. D. addressed to the President of General Synod, dated June 15. 1871 (but received too late to be presented to Synod) informing Synod of the severe illness of his father, Rev Prof. Berg D.D., and of his probable inability to resume the duties of his chair at the opening of the next term of the Seminary, together with a communication from the President of General Synod to the Stated Clerk of this Board, recommending an Early Call of the Board, was received and read, and ordered on file.

A communication from Mr James Laydam in reference to the vacant Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology was also received and ordered on file.

The President stated the object of the special meeting of the Board, in accordance with the following published notice

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and in compliance with the request of the three surviving professors of said Seminary, constitutionally presented, I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of said Seminary will be held in Kirkpatrick Hall, on Thursday, August 31. 1871, at 11 o'clock A.M. to take into consideration the necessity of making provision for supplying the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Rev. Dr. Berg, late Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, and for the transaction of such other business as may legitimately be brought before them. A full attendance is earnestly

question. (Signed) A. M. Mann, President

Hermon Village July 27, 1871"

The following preamble and resolution were then adopted –

Whereas the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in our Theological Seminary is now vacant;

Resolved, That this Board request the President of General Synod to call a special meeting of the Synod, at as early a date as the Constitution will permit, in order to fill said vacancy.

A committee, consisting of Revs. A. B. Van Zandt, Joseph Scudder, and David Cole, was appointed to prepare a Minute in reference to the death of Rev. Dr. Berg.
The committee presented the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove from the sphere of his earthly labors, and to call away to his rest and reward, our late Professor of Theology, Rev. Joseph F. Berg, DD.

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents are deeply sensible of this new and afflictive bereavement, coming upon us so unexpectedly, and depriving the Church of the valuable labors of our distinguished and honored Professor; and would humbly and devoutly recognize the hand of God in the Event, and bowing submissive to his holy will, would regard is another

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call to diligence and duty whilst life lasts.

Resolved, that the Board of Superintendents remember with gratitude and affection the ability and success with which Dr Berg has fulfilled the duties of his most important office in the sound and efficient training of our students for the great work of the Gospel Ministry and the genial and kindly spirit always manifested in his official and personal intercourse with them.

Resolved, that we tender to the bereaved family of our departed brother our hearty sympathy with them in this great affliction, and earnestly commend them to the God of the widow, and the father of the fatherless, the guidance of whose providence, and the promises of whose grace never have failed those who put their trust in Him.

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the Christian Intelligencer, and that a copy be sent to the family of Dr. Berg.

On motion the following resolution was also adopted.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to carry into effect, where practicable, the resolution of General Synod of June 1871 (page 322) relative to the establishment of the lectureships on the relation of Science to Revelation, On Ecclesiastical Music, and on Christian Ethics.

the following were appointed said committee — Rev. David Cole, Rev. W. H. Van Eyck, and Rev. Joseph Scudder.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned at 5 o'clock P.M. in prayer, very fervently offered by Rev. John L. Van.

Alex. McMann, President
P. A. Devoe — Clerk pro tem.

P. D. Vandelof
Stated Clerk.

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Article 1

The Board of Superintendents met in the Library of Vestry Hall, on Tuesday, May 21. at 12 o'clock M., and continued in session until Wednesday Evening May 22d at 1/4 past 9.

The President, Rev. A. M. Mann, called the meeting to order and opened it with prayer.

Article II

Members Present —

From the Classis of Albany	Rev. A. C. Millspaugh
" West	" Joseph Beeder
" Bergen	" J. Howard Suydam
" Geneva	" Alex. M. Mann
" Greene	" Simon J. Mann
" Kingston	" Philip Pelton
" N. Long Island	" W. H. Van Eyck
" S. " "	" J. H. Manning
" Monmouth	" Jas. B. Wilson
" Montgomery	" R. M. Stanbrough
" New Brunswick	" John L. Dee
" New York	" Isaac Riley
" S. " "	" N. S. Britton
" Philadelphia	" John Gardner
" Raritan	" P. M. Destille
" Rensselaer	" E. A. Collier
" Saratoga	" Selah W. Strong
" Schenectady	" J. Delaun
" Schoharie	" Edwin Vedder
" Ulster	" M. L. Schenck
" Westchester	" David Cole

Article III

Election of Officers.

Rev. John H. Messing DD was elected President, and Rev. W. H. V. D. Eyck DD. Clerk protem.

Article IV.

Reading of the Minutes and Rules.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of the special meeting were read.

The Rules were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed

1. On Reception of Students
Revs. James B. Wilson, J. Howard Suydam, Isaac Riley, David Cole, and the Faculty.

2. On the Professors' Report
Revs. David Cole, John Gardner, M. J. Hutton.

3. On the Synodical Report.
Revs. M. L. Schenck, Isaac Riley, Alex. M. Mann

4. On Synodical Minutes.
Revs. J. H. Suydam, A. L. Munn, J. A. Debaun.

Article VI.

Communications

The following Communication was received from the Theological Faculty, read and referred to the Committee on the Professors' Report.

Annual Report of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, to the Board

of Superintendents. May 21. 1872.

The students in attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary during the past year have been as follows:

Senior Class.

Edward Cornet	William J. Hill
Robert Doig	Edward Lodewick
John Hart	Ferdinand J. Schenck 6

Middle Class.

Asher Anderson	Richard A. Pearse
George W. Labaw	Jacob W. Schenck
Calvin E. Lasher	Graham Taylor
John H. McLaury	John C. Van Deventer 9
Nicholas Pearse	

Junior Class

Aaron M. Benson	William A. Todd
Andrew Hagaman	William Vanschoten
James C. Garretson	John H. Wyckoff. 6

In the month of January Mr Labaw, of the Middle Class, asked leave of absence for three months in order to relieve himself from pecuniary embarrassment by teaching. The Faculty did not feel warranted in dispensing with so large a part of the year's study, and left him to act upon his own responsibility. He returned in time for the review, and is ready to submit to the examination with his class.

Mr Benson has attended to the studies of the Junior Class, with the exception of Hebrew, during the last two months. He was prevented from beginning with his class by a general failure of health, accompanied by severe disorder of the eyes, which set in during the latter part of his Senior year in College. He is yet much broken but extremely anxious to pursue his studies for the ministry. During his college course Mr Benson won the

high esteem of the Professors by his scholarship, and his Christian excellency of character. If permitted to proceed with some allowance for his present infirmities there is reason to hope that he will render good service in the ministry, but if the full course of study is exacted, his earnest desire to preach the Gospel may be entirely defeated. The Faculty, therefore, respectfully submit to the Board the question whether the case of Mr Benson is not one in which the General Synod should grant a dispensation, allowing him to go on with the next Middle Class, and excusing him from the study of Hebrew, except so far as the state of his health will permit. *^

The students have in general devoted themselves to study during the year with remarkable faithfulness, and their whole deportment has been exemplary.

The Faculty desire to testify to the happy results of the present system of management in Bertsch Hall, under the Rectorship of Rev. Peter J. Quick. Good order, neatness, and a general regard to all the proprieties of a place devoted to Theological Education have prevailed, in remarkable contrast to the experience of former years. It was not sufficiently considered that in other Theological Seminaries students in the preparatory departments do not occupy the same building with those engaged in Theology. The disorders which we could not repress, often accompanied by injury to valuable property, were such as to demoralize the students, and bring dishonor upon the Institution. The Theological Seminary was held responsible for misdemeanors committed by members of the College and Grammar School. We had arrived

of the deliberate conclusion that unless some means were devised for preserving order and decency, the privileges of the Hall must be restricted to those for whom it was originally designed by Mrs Hertog. The experiment of a resident Rector has been made for three years with increasing satisfaction to Professors and students. We desire through the Board of Superintendents to bring our testimony before the General Synod, hoping that in connection with the Endowment of the Seminary, permanent provision may be made for such Supervision and government as our present arrangement as to the occupancy of the Hall imperatively requires.

* It is Mr Burnis's wish to be examined with his class on those branches to which he has given attention. It is not to be understood by this that in our estimation, or in his own, he has made up, here in those branches for his loss by absence. But the Board may be able to judge more intelligently of the propriety of a dispensation by having him before them at the Examination.

By order of the Faculty,

New Brunswick
May 21st 1872

David D. Demarest
Secretary

Article VII.

Examinations

The examinations were conducted as follows. On Tuesday Prof. Professor Woodbridge examined the Senior and Middle Classes in Theology, and on Tuesday Evening the three Classes on Biblical and Church History, and the Senior Class in Church Government.

On Wednesday morning Prof. De Witt examined the three Classes in the studies of his

department - the Junior Class in Hebrew, the Middle Class in Hebrew, the Senior and Middle in Greek, on the Epistle to the Romans.

On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Demarest examined the Junior Class in Homiletics. The Middle Class in Public Worship, the Senior Class in Pastoral Theology and the Sacraments, and Prof. DeWitt examined the Senior Class in Biblical Criticism.

The Middle and Senior Classes laid sermons and analyses on the table for Examination.

All the Students were questioned with reference to their observance of the rule in regard to Students' preaching, and their answers were satisfactory.

The members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of sermons, and were examined on personal piety, and their views in entering the Ministry.

It was Resolved, that the Examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their Professorial Certificates.

Article VIII

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the reception of Students presented the following Report, which was accepted.

"The Committee of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, appointed for the reception of Students, met on Wednesday Sept. 20. 1871, in the Library of Hertzog Hall.

Members Present

Rev. J. H. Manning, John Gardner, N. R. Zen.

Eyck, J. H. Suydam.
Rev. J. H. Manning was chosen Chairman,
and Rev. J. H. Suydam Clerk.
Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr W. Jen Eyck.
The following young men presented themselves
for examination.

Andrew Hageman
John Henry Myeroff
James Cortelyou Garretson
William Newton Todd
William Veenschoten

Mr Hageman brought a certificate of Church
membership from the Reformed Church at
Readington. Mr Veenschoten brought a cer-
tificate of Church Membership from the third
Reformed Church of Pella Iowa. The other gen-
tlemen did not know that such certificate
was required, but promised to furnish it, wh
was deemed satisfactory by the Committee.
Mr Myeroff said that he was a member
of the Second Reformed Church at New Brunswick.
Mr Garretson said that he was a mem-
ber of the First Church at New Brunswick.
Mr Todd said that he was a member of
the Reformed Church of Lebanon N. J.
All except Mr Veenschoten were known
to be regular graduates of Rutgers College, and
therefore, according to usage they were not re-
quired to present their diplomas.
Mr Veenkschoten did not know of the rule requi-
ring him to present his diploma, but upon a verbal
report from Rev Dr. Lee, Corresponding Secretary of the
Board of Education, who was present at his exam-
ination, he was received as a regular graduate
from Hope College.
All these gentlemen were examined upon pot-

sonal fitness and their views in entering the ministry and the examination was unanimously sustained. The students were declared admitted to the Seminary, and addressed in fitting terms by the chairman of the Committee.

It was Resolved, that the Faculty be empowered to examine and receive any other students who might apply and be found worthy.

The Minutes were approved. The Committee adjourned after uniting in prayer with Mr Gardner.

J. Howard Kingsbury
Clerk.

The Committee on the Professors' Report presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

"The Committee on the Professors' Report have to say that they have examined said Report and find as follows.

1. That the present students of the Seminary are 21 in number. (See Report p. 499)

2. The Professors make the following references of matters to the Board for adjustment.

(a) In January last Mr Labaw, of the Middle Class, asked leave of absence for three months that he might retrieve himself from pecuniary embarrassment by teaching. The Faculty did not feel at liberty to take the responsibility of granting such a request, and left him to act according to his own convictions of duty subject to the decisions of this Board. He took the time, returned for the Revival with his class, and is ready to submit to examination before the Board.

In regard to this matter the Committee recommend that as the step seems to have been occasioned by pecuniary embarrassment, and as Mr Labaw seems a worthy and excellent student, he be permitted to go on with his class.

(b) Mr Benson has attended to the studies of the Senior Class, with the exception of Hebrew during the past 2 months. He was prevented from beginning with his class by a general failure of health accompanied by severe disorder of the Eyes, which set in during the latter part of his Senior year in College. He is yet much broken but extremely anxious to pursue his studies for the Ministry. During his College course Mr Benson won the high esteem of his Professors by his scholarships and Christian excellency of character. If permitted to proceed with some allowance for his present infirmities there is reason to hope that he will make good service in the Ministry; but if the full course of study is exacted this earnest desire to preach the gospel may be defeated. The Faculty therefore respectfully submit to the Board the question whether the case of Mr Benson is not one in which the General Synod should grant a dispensation, allowing him to go on with the next Middle Class, and excusing him from the study of Hebrew, except as his health will permit him to go on with it. It is Mr Benson's wish to be examined with his class in the branches to which he has given attention. It is not to be understood by this that in our estimation or his own, he has made up, even in these branches, for his loss by absence. But the Board may be able to judge more intelligently of the propriety of a dispensation by having him before them at the examination.

The Committee recommend in regard to this case the following resolution –

Resolved, that in view of the favorable statements made by the Professors in regard to Mr Benson's character and studies, and in view of the fact that the obstacles in his way are of the nature of Providential dispensations, for which he is in no way

responsible, and which he cannot overcome, we refer his case to the Coming General Synod, with a recommendation that he be permitted to dispense with the study of Hebrew, except so far as his health, and his eyes will permit him to carry it forward in connection with his other studies.

The Professors close with the statement that the students have in general devoted themselves to study during the year with remarkable faithfulness, and that they are exemplary in their deportment. And with a recommendation of the system of Management of Rutgers Hall under the Rectorship of Rev. Peter J. Quick, speaking of the order and condition of the Hall as in striking contrast with those of former years, they say -

"The Experiment of a Resident Rector has been made for three years with increasing satisfaction to Professors and students. We desire, through the Board of Superintendents, to bring our testimony before the General Synod, hoping that in connection with the Endowment of the Seminary, permanent provision may be made for such supervision and government as our arrangements as to the occupancy of the Hall comparatively requires".

A view of this suggestion of the Professors, and of the manifest value of the present system of Management, and the evident necessity for its continuance, the Committee recommend the following resolution -

Resolved, that we refer to the General Synod the subject of the continuance of the present internal management of Rutgers Hall, with our earnest request that it may be put upon a permanent footing.

All which is respectfully submitted

David Cole
John Gardner.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report,

That they find a resolution on the Minutes of General Synod requiring the attention of this Board viz. on p. 322, as follows.

"Resolved, That it be required hereafter of students applying for admission to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, that in addition to presenting the usual diploma, they satisfy the Examining Committee that they have pursued the study of the Greek and Latin Classics to the end of their College Course, subject to the discretion of the Board of Superintendents."

Your Committee recommend as follows.

Resolved, That the attention of the Committee for the reception of students be directed to the above resolution.

J. Howard Suydam Chm.

Report of the Standing Committee on Dutch Hall.

The Standing Committee on Peter Hertz Theological Hall presented their report, which was accepted, and referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. A. M. Mann, M. S. Hutton and S. M. Strong.

The Special Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the General Synod's Standing Committee on the Peter Hertz Theological Hall to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, have only in the discharge of their duty to express their entire and heartily satisfaction with all the statements of the Com-

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD'S

Standing Committee

ON THE

PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL,

TO THE

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS

OF THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

SUBMITTED MAY 22, 1872.

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1872.

REPORT.

To the Board of Superintendents of the
Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America.

The General Synod's Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall respectfully present their

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The organization of the Committee continues the same as at the date of our last report, and its meetings have been held as frequently as the business of the institution has required.

The repairs upon the Theological Hall having been nearly completed a year ago, little care or expense have been bestowed upon the edifice. The grounds have been graded and improved, so far as the erection of the new buildings now in progress and projected, would permit. The chief expense of the Hall during the coming year, will be for a new heating apparatus to replace the worn out furnaces.

The professorial residences have been repaired and painted, within and without, and are now in complete order.

After the lamented decease of the late Professor Berg, which occurred July 20th, 1871, the Committee authorized his widow and family to retain the use of their professorial dwelling until further notice. Mrs. Berg still occupies the house subject to removal whenever it shall be needed.

The Corner Stone of the "James Suydam Hall" was laid, with appropriate services, by the venerated founder, in the presence of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, on Thursday afternoon, September 28th 1871. The spacious edifice, is now

rapidly progressing towards completion, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy some time during the coming fall.

The plans of the "Gardner A. Sage Library," after the most careful study by the founder and architect are now finished. The Committee regard them as unusually complete, and adapted to the purposes of such a building. It will include a fire-proof vault for the Records of Synod and of the Seminary, and its erection will be begun as soon as satisfactory contracts are made.

In our next annual report we hope to announce the entire completion of these large and elegant structures.

The Rector of the Theological Hall, Rev. Peter J. Quick, has discharged the duties of his arduous office to the entire satisfaction of this Committee, and to the great advantage of the institution and of its inmates. His annual report states that the number of students in the Hall is forty-eight, and that the number of rooms occupied by students is thirty-six. The utmost attention has been paid to the cleanliness of the Hall. In the boarding department, which is under the Rector's own private charge, special care is given to the abundance of healthy and nutritious diet, and the price is fixed at the lowest practicable rate, without aiming at pecuniary profit. It has been optional with students who have rooms in the Hall, to board elsewhere, in private families, but it is the opinion of your Committee that it would in many respects promote the well-fare of the institution if all of its occupants were also boarders within its walls.

We are happy to add that the Rector reports that the deportment of the students has merited his decided approbation, and that in no former year has equal order been observed. Their health also has been uniformerly good. Excepting a member of his own family, the Rector says there has been no serious illness in the Hall thus far, during the year The old stereotype complaints of diseased eyes and of dyspepsia have ceased, and the students have scarcely known a day's confinement to their room. A decided improvement is also reported in the prevailing tone of piety, as manifested in the religious exercises of each day, and especially of the Sabbath evening services.

The Board of Superintendents will see, from the facts above mentioned, that experience has fully justified the establishment of

the Rectorship, and that under the administration of the present incumbent it has in every way promoted the advantage of the Hall, which he and his family has made to so great a degree a Christian Home for the students, and an attraction to visitors and friends.

The room rent has remained the same as last year, the proceeds going to cover cost of fuel and care of rooms. It would be a great boon to the students if they could be relieved of the cost of light, fuel, and room rent.

The Hall requires at present an annual income of about $2,500, to cover the salary of the Rector, and incidental expenses.

The library is in admirable order, and is constantly attracting students and visitors to its rich stores of literary and theological treasures. No very large addition to its shelves has been made during this year. The balance of funds contributed for this object awaits the demands which will be made upon it, when the new fire-proof library building shall be finished.

The remaining 850 volumes bequeathed by the late Rev. Dr. Bethune, have been marked with his name, as required by the will, and now occupy a separate department in the library. The marble bust of the revered testator, a gift of his widow, now also deceased, adorns the alcoves which contain his large bequest to the Seminary.

It is also our pleasure to announce the receipt of an antique marble slab, with a Greek uncial inscription, which has been donated for the Museum of the Theological Seminary, by Rear Admiral Charles S. Boggs, United States Navy, to whom it was presented by M. A. Debbas, our Consul at Tarsus, in Asia Minor. It was "found at Karadurar, possibly the remains of Anghiali, between Mycene, the present sea port of Tarsus, and Tarsus itself; and the Consul believes it to be many hundred years anterior to the Christian Era." This relic of antiquity will be deposited in the Museum of the James Suydam Hall, when it shall be finished.

The Financial Secretary, the Rev. Dr. James A. H. Cornell, tendered the resignation of his office in November last, but at the request of the Board of Directors and of this Committee, who declined to accept it, it was withdrawn, and he has since then continued his services to the Seminary and the Church, but without salary.

While the specific detailed results of his fiscal agency are given only in the report of the Board of Direction, it affords this Committee

pleasure to state, that in the aggregate he has secured funds for the various objects included in his duties to the amount of over $300,000. Of this amount, it should be remembered, that the very large proportion is invested in the real estate of the institution, the care of which will also increase the annual expenses.

This Committee need say nothing more respecting the official services of a member of their own body.

The report of the Treasurer, which is herewith submitted, shows that the receipts during the year for all purposes have been $4,726 28, and the disbursements $5,453,26, leaving amount due the Treasurer $726 98.

In conclusion, your Committee desire humbly to acknowledge the good favor of God towards this sacred Institution, and to invoke for all of its precious interests the daily continuance of his loving kindness and tender mercy. It will be our pleasure during the coming year to co-operate, as hitherto, in the material advancement of its secular and domestic administration, and to do all that lieth in us, in this behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SUYDAM,
Chairman.

GARDNER A. SAGE,
Treasurer,

DAVID D. DEMAREST,
J. A. H. CORNELL,
DAVID BISHOP,
WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 22, 1872.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

STANDING COMMITTEE on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, n account with GARDNER A. SAGE, *Treasurer.*

1871.		Dr	
June	1,	To payment, A. J. Butler, for drain pipe.....	$39 30
	1,	Frank Gregory, labor, laying pipe.....	30 75
	22,	" Connet & Cathcart, carpenter work	12 48
July	8,	" Rector, bill of sundries for Hall.....	54 18
	8,	" " " labor imp'r. of ground.....	16 25
	8,	" Janitor's wages to June 1.....	62 50
	8	" " salary to June 1.....	250
	12,	" Gas bill to 1st inst.....	109 76
Sept.	6.	" Hosford & Sons, printing An. Report...	30 50
	28,	" J.M. Nevius, painting Professors' Houses.	1,720 34
	28,	" A. Whitlock, carpenter work.....	511 93
	28,	" Dunham & Martin, mason work.....	246 03
	28,	" Woolcock & Sleight, repairing roofs, etc..	77 63
	28,	" " " ranges, etc.	36 30
Oct.	10,	" J. Voorhees, coal to May 8.....	671 10
	10,	" Gas bill to 1st inst	39 04
	10.	" Rector, salary to September 1st..	250
	10,	" " Janitor's wages to Sep. 1	62 50
Nov.	14,	" N. B. Water Company, to April 1, 1872.	37 50
Dec.	7,	" Rector, salary to 1st inst.....	250
	7.	" " Janitor's wages to 1st inst.....	62 50
1872.			
Jan.	19,	" Gas bill to 1st inst.....	198 72
	19,	" Rector, bill of sundries for Hall.....	30 60
	19,	" Cortelyou, repairing clock.....	4
April	10,	" Gas bill to 1st inst	213 44
	10,	" N. B. Water Company to Oct. 1, 1872..	37 50
	10,	" Rector, salary to March 1.	250
	10,	" " Janitor's wages to March 1.....	62 50
May	17,	" C. P. Strong, sundries for Hall.....	23 76
	17,	" Terhune and Van Anglen, Aut. Reg , etc.	9 80
	17,	" Outcalt & De Hart, for lime.....	12
	17,	" T. Bradley, for labor on grounds.... ...	17 50
	17,	" Edwin Allen, for trees.....	11 90
	17.	" A. J. Butler, for drain pipe.	10 95
		Total receipts	$5,453 26

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1871.			
May	9,	By balance in Treasury	$779 16
July	8,	" Receipt from Rector, collected from Students	246 94
Sept.	23,	" " J. I. Brower, Treas. Gen. Synod Amt. of Draft of Standing Com.	2,500
Nov.	8,	" " Rector, collected from Students	209
	8	" " " " arrears	84 10
	15,	" " " J. I. Brower, Treas. Gen. Synod Interest on Mrs. Hertzog's bequest	325
	15,	" " J. I. Brower, Treas. Gen. Synod Janitor's salary and fuel	120
		" " " Rector, collected from Students	107
1872.		" " " " " arrears	11 28
Jan.	12,	" " " Reformed Church at Belleville, N. J.	
	12,	" " " for refurnishing Students' rooms	13 50
Feb.	12,	" " " Rector, collected from Students	330 30
April	15,		4,726 28
		Amount due Treasurer to balance	726 98
			$5,453 26

MAY 17, 1872.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER A. SAGE, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

DAVID BISHOP,
DAVID D. DEMAREST, } *Auditing Committee.*

mittee, and with all the results of their labors for the past year, and for the better information of General Synod, and of the Church at large, would recommend that the above paid report be embodied in the Report of the Standing Committee of the Board as was done the preceding year.

All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee

A. M. Mann Chm

The committee on the Synodical Report presented the following which was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Synod.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall at New Brunswick, on Tuesday May 21st 1872, at 12 o'clock M. and adjourned on Wednesday Morning.

The President, Rev. Alex. McLean DD, opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. John H. Manning DD. was elected President, & Rev W. H. Van Eyck DD Clerk pro. tem.

The following members were present.

(See Article II. p 497)

Appointments are to be made by the next General Synod from the following Classes:- Albany, South Classes of Bergen, Cayuga, Hudson (for one year) Northern Long Island, South Long Island, Montgomery, North New York, Paramus, (for two years) Passaic, Philadelphia, Poughkeepsie, Raritan Schenectady, Michigan, New Brunswick.

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Seminary

(See Article VI P. 499)

The Report of the Faculty of the Seminary presents the following points of interest:—

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1. A January last, Mr Labagh of the Middle Class, asked leave of absence for three months, that by teaching he might relieve himself from embarrassment. The Faculty, unwilling to take the responsibility, left him to his own convictions of duty, subject to the decisions of the Board of Superintendents. Mr Labagh took the time, returned for the session with his class, and the testimony of the Professors, with his acquitting himself well on all points in the examination, proved him a worthy and excellent student, therefore he was permitted to go on with his class.

2. Mr Benson, of the Junior Class was prevented from beginning with his class by a general failure of health, accompanied by serious disorder of the eyes, which set in during the latter part of his Senior year in College. Being extremely anxious to pursue his studies for the Ministry, although still much broken in health, he has attended the studies of the Junior Class (except Hebrew) for the last two months. During his College course Mr Benson was on the high extreme of his Professors by his scholarship, and christian excellency of character. If permitted to proceed, with some allowances for his present infirmities, there is reason to hope that he will render good service in the Ministry, but if the full course of study is exacted, his earnest desire to preach the gospel may be entirely defeated.

The Faculty, therefore, respectfully submit to the Board, whether the case of Mr Benson is not one in which the General Synod should grant a dispensation, allowing him to go on with the next Middle Class, and excusing him from the study of Hebrew, except as far as the state of his health will permit. Therefore the Board refer this case to the General Synod with a

recommendation that Mr Brown be permitted to dispense with the study of Hebrew, except so far as his health and sight will permit.

3. The Faculty report that the deportment of the students during the past year has been [illegible] plary, and that they have in general devoted themselves to study with remarkable faithfulness.

4. The Faculty testify to the happy results of the present system of management in Hartley Hall under the rectorship of Rev. Peter J. Lindsay.

Therefore the Board

Resolved, That we refer to the General Synod the continuing of the present internal management of Hartley Hall, with an earnest request that it may be put on a permanent footing.

The past year has been to our Seminary a year of bereavement and trial, calling forth the care and perplexity of the church. In view of this the Board are happy to report that the professors have manifested a spirit of consecration, energy, and fidelity, and the industry and commendable progress of the students show that our Seminary merits the confidence of the church.

The committee of twelve, to whom the care of the Seminary was committed in its exigency, have devised liberal things. The chair of Theology temporarily committed to Dr. Woodbridge, assisted by eminent brethren, has been supplied in a manner that is truly satisfying. Nay, the teaching of this department has been specially satisfactory, both in method and execution, and we would commend the plan adopted by Dr. Woodbridge to all the Professors, as possessing advantages above the ordinary lecture system.

The usual examinations of the several classes in the Seminary, were conducted by the Professors, in the presence of the Board.

Sermons were handed by the higher classes for inspection by the Board, and brief Analyses prepared by the Middle Class.

After specimens of preaching by members of the Senior Class, three gentlemen were severally examined on personal piety, and their views in entering upon the Ministry.

All the students were interrogated in regard to the rule of Synod concerning students preaching, and their answers were satisfactory.

The Standing Committee of General Synod on Herbrog Hall reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and, by order of the Board, is hereby transmitted.

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the Spring examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors to receive the Customary Certificate.

Resolved, That it be recommended to General Synod to rescind the rule requiring the Board to inquire whether the young men have preached in any of the churches while in the prosecution of their studies.

The annual address to the students of the Seminary was delivered by the Rev. Wm. H. Jerome D.D. in the chapel on Wednesday evening.

M. L. Scheneck
Isaac Riley
A. H. Mann.

Article IX
Particularities

The Board resolved to meet at 8½ A.M., and adjourn at 12½ P.M. and at 2½ P.M., and adjourn at 5½ P.M., and to meet in the evening at 7¾ o'clock.

The Stated Clerk requested to be excused after

the afternoon of the first day, as he has to leave home to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Detroit. His request was granted.

The following were appointed a Committee to wait in the Faculty and arrange for the order of examinations — Rev. Rev. A. M. Morrow, D.D., A. C. Millspaugh, Isaac Riley.

It was ordered that the address to the students should be delivered in the Chapel, on Wednesday Evening at 8 o'clock.

It was

Resolved, that it be recommended to the General Synod to rescind the rule requiring the Board to inquire whether the young men have preached in any of our churches while in the prosecution of their studies.

Article X.

Dissumption and close.

The address to the students was delivered on Wednesday Evening, at 8 o'clock by Rev. Wm. H. Van Eyck D.D. The Rev J. M. Snydrum was appointed primarius, and the Rev. Isaac Riley secundus, to deliver the address to the students at the close of the examination in 1873.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Board adjourned with prayer by Rev. John L. See D.D.

John H. Manning, President
W. H. Van Eyck, Clerk pro tem.

R. D. Van Cleef
Stated Clerk.

1873

Article I.

The Board of Superintendents met in the Library of Peter Mesick, Theological Hall, on Tuesday May 20th 1873, at 12 o'clock M. and continued in session until 11 o'clock on Wednesday Evening.

The President, Rev. H. Hollenning not being present, Dr. David Cole D.D. was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Article II

Members Present

From the Classis of Albany	Rev. William H. Wallace
" " Hudson	" Joseph Shodder
South Classis of Bergen	" J. W. F. Jones
" " Cayuga	" Martin L. Berger
" " Geneva	" Wm. M. Mann
" " Greene	" Aaron V. Mason
" " Hudson	" John S. Kimrod
" " Kingston	" Philip Peltz
" " Monmouth	" James B. Wilson
" " Montgomery	" A. J. Bergenian
" " Newark	" Edward P. Terhune
" " New Brunswick	" Jacob C. Dutcher
" " New York	" Isaac Riley
South " "	" N. D. Hutton
" " Paramus	" John Coetzee
" " Passaic	" John N. Jansen
" " Poughkeepsie	" H. N. Cobb
" " Rensselaer	" E. N. Collier
" " Saratoga	" Selah W. Strong
" " Schenectady	" J. H. De Baun
" " Westchester	" David Cole

Article III

Election of Officers.

Rev. David Cole D.D. was elected President
Rev. John A. Hansen was elected Clerk pro tem.

Article IV

Reading of the Minutes and Rules

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were read.
The Rules were read.

Article V.

Standing Committees

The following were appointed.

1. On the Reception of Students.
Rev. Isaac Riley, Rev. John A. Hansen, Rev. H. W. Jones, and Rev. J. G. Hutcher

2. On the Professors' Report.
Rev. Ex. T. Hunn, Rev. Edward T. Collier, Rev. J. B. Wilson

3. On the Synodical Report.
Rev. Philip Pelts D.D. Rev. Selah W. Sling, Rev. G. E. Berger

4. On Synodical Minutes.
Rev. E. P. Terhune D.D. Rev. Wm H. Balough, Rev. Th. J. Hageman.

Article VI.

Communications

The following Communication was received from the Theological Faculty, and was referred to the Committee on the Professors' Report.

Annual Report of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, to the Board.

The following students have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary

1873

Senior the year

Senior Class

John Anderson	Richard H. Pearce
Jesse H. Lathan	Peter W. Schenck
Calvin C. Easton	Graham Taylor
Nicholas Varick	John C. Van Zerenter

Middle Class

Egbert W. Brown	William V. Todd
James Gourlay	William Van Houten
Andrew Bergeman	John H. Wyckoff

Junior Class

Horace P. Crain	Benjamin Cory Mills jr.
William H. Heppman	George Adam Ries
William Ames Leggett	John Alfred Van Doste
Egerton Matthews	

Mr John Mills Lane a member of the Presbyterian church, left the Institution in March 1872, in order to enter the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

The year has been made pleasant to us by the remarkable fidelity of the students. They have pursued their studies with commendable diligence - their deportment has been exemplary, and they have manifested a sobriety and earnestness that augur well for their future course when they shall have entered the Ministry. It is also a matter for thankfulness that there has been no interruption to work on the part of professor or student produced by sickness or any other cause.

Entered by the Secretary
New York 1873

David D. Demarest, Secretary

The Report of the Westbury Hall committee was read by the Secretary, Wm. M. J. Taylor D.D., accepted and referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. G. W. DeBaun, Elmer G. Collier and Hiram J. Wilson.

A communication was received from the Students boarding in the Hall in reference to the heating apparatus, making certain complaints, which communication was referred to the Westbury Hall Standing Committee.

Art VII

Examinations

The several Classes were examined in the following order

On Tuesday afternoon Rev. Hutchings examined the Junior Class in Biblical History, the Middle Class in Church History, and the Senior Class in Church History and Church Government

On Tuesday Evening Prof. Demarest examined the Junior Class in Homiletics; the Junior and Middle Classes together in Biblical Geography, and the other branches of Archaeology — the Middle Class in Liturgies, and the Senior Class in Pastoral Theology, and the Constitution.

On Wednesday Morning Prof. De Witt examined the Junior Class in Hebrew, the Middle and Senior Classes together in Hebrew; and in Greek Exegesis in connection with the Epistle to the Hebrews, and the Seniors in Biblical Literature.

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The latter part of the morning session was occupied by Prof. Van Zandt with an examination of the Middle Class in Theology.

On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Van Zandt concluded his examination of the Middle and Senior Classes in Theology.

The Middle and Senior Classes laid written sermons upon the table for inspection.

The Members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of sermons on Wednesday afternoon, and were also examined in personal piety, and their views in entering the Ministry.

It was Resolved, that the examinations of the several Classes be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty, for their Professional Certificates.

Article VIII.

Reports of Committees

The following Report of the Committee on Reception of Students, having been mislaid by the Stated Clerk was not read to the Board, but the Stated Clerk was authorized to insert it in the Minutes

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, Consisting of Revs. James B. Wilson, David Cole, J. Howard Suydam, and Isaac Riley, met in the Chapel of Hutton Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M. of Tuesday

September 24 1872.

Professors Hardenbergh & De Witt were present. Rev James B. Wilson took the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer. Rev J. Howard Suydam was chosen Secretary.

The following named gentlemen presented themselves for examination with a view of entering the Theological Seminary, viz. Algernon Matthews, Horace P. Craig, Benjamin C. Miller, G. A. Reis, William F. Hoffman, William J. Leggett, John Alfred Van Horte.

All furnished certificates of Church membership except Mr Hoffman who promised to secure his at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Horace P Craig, having received a dispensation from his College course by General Synod, was of course admitted without credentials certifying to literary education.

Mr Algernon Matthews had sent to Ingham for certificate of education equivalent to a College diploma, but had not yet received it. The others were graduates of Rutgers College.

The attention of the Board (Committee) was directed to p. 322 of Minutes of General Synod for the year 1871, where it is required that students in College preparing to enter the Seminary were expected to continue their classical studies during their entire course. An examination proved that those who had dropped these studies, had immediately resumed them when notified of the action of Synod.

All the young men were examined in personal piety, and motives for entering the Ministry. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That all the applicants

be admitted as students in the Theological Seminary, and that the matter of certificates of Collegiate Education of Mr Matthews, and of Church membership of Mr Hoffman be referred to the Professors.

It was also

Resolved, that the Professors be authorized to examine and receive any applicants found worthy during the year.

Adjourned with prayer by Prof. De Witt.

J. Harvey Logan
Secretary

The Committee on the Professor's Report presented the following which was accepted.

The Committee on the Report of the Faculty, have examined the Report and find nothing in it requiring special action of this Board. They recommend that it be embodied in the Minutes of this Board.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes call attention to the following items. On p. 502 of Minutes, the rescinding of the rule concerning inquiry as to preaching of the students in churches of our denomination. On p. 503 the resolution instructing the Board to make inquiry in regard to grievances complained of in the management of Hastings Hall. A special committee has already been ap-

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD'S

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON THE

Peter Hertzog Theological Hall,

TO THE

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS

OF THE

Theological Seminary

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

SUBMITTED MAY 20, 1873.

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REPORT.

To the Board of Superintendents of the
Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America.

The Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, present their

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

At the commencement of the past year the organization of the committee was unchanged, and so remained until October, when the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Professor of Theology, was appointed by the Faculty of the Seminary as their representative, in place of Professor Demarest, resigned.

At the same meeting of the Committee, it was called to mourn the loss of its venerated chairman, James Suydam, Esq., who died, after a lingering illness, on Monday, October 7, 1872, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

It is unnecessary in this document to repeat the published testimony of his associates in this body, to his memory, character, and services. Embalmed in the grateful church of his fathers, beloved, useful, and honored in her School of the Prophets, and the benefactor of almost every one of her benevolent institutions, his name will be held in everlasting remembrance. But this Theological Seminary, upon which he lavished his princely gifts with equal foresight and consecration to her divine purposes, owes him a debt of thankfulness which this generation of her professors, students and guardians, can only hand down to their successors. While afflicted by the bereavement which has taken from them their honored father and Chairman, the Committee feel assured that the Board of Superintendents will take pleasure in recording their own memorial to his worth and munificence.

In this connection it is our privilege to announce the comple-

tion of the "James Suydam Hall," and that suitable arrangements have been made for its dedication, which is to take place on Thursday, June 5th, during the approaching session of the General Synod in this city. No expense has been spared by the Building Committee to make this edifice an enduring memorial of its founder, and a spacious addition to the accommodations of the Theological Seminary. It contains a chapel, museum, four lecture rooms and a large gymnasium, all heated with steam, and provided with suitable furniture and all needful convenience.

A bronze statue of Mr. Suydam has also been provided as a suitable memorial by some of his friends, and will be placed upon the Seminary grounds, in front of the noble edifice which bears his name. It will be unveiled on the day of the Dedication of the Hall.

With additional reasons for gratitude, we have the pleasure of stating that Mr. Suydam, in his last will and testament, also devised the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the maintenance of this Hall, twenty thousand dollars for the care of the Seminary grounds, fences, and buildings; and a third sum of twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a new residence within these grounds, for the occupancy of the "James Suydam Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology." In addition to these specific bequests, the Seminary is to share equally with the American Bible Society, as his residuary legatee. The responsibility of this Standing Committee for the care of the Seminary property of the General Synod, is their sufficient reason for repeating these facts respecting the gifts and legacies of their departed Chairman, to your reverend body.

The plans and specifications of the Gardner A. Sage Library, having been prepared under the care of the founder, the corner-stone of that building will be laid with appropriate ceremonies on the day of the dedication of the James Suydam Hall. It will be fire-proof, and fitted up with every convenience, capable of holding at least seventy-five thousand volumes. A large fire-proof vault will also be constructed above-ground, on the main floor within the edifice, for preserving the archives of the General Synod. The delay in the erection of this building, has arisen from the difficulty of harmonizing it with the James Suydam Hall, and at the same time of adapting it to the purposes of a Library.

The Peter Hertzog Theological Hall has only required, during the past year, the usual cleaning and ordinary daily care for its respectable maintenance. Although the winter was very severe and protracted, the old heating apparatus was sufficiently repaired to warm the building, but with only comparative comfort. As soon as practicable, arrangements should be made to introduce steam in the place of the worn-out and expensive furnaces. The occupation of the new James Suydam Hall will enable the management to appropriate the present lecture rooms to other and suitable purposes.

The Rector, Rev. Peter J. Quick, has performed his duties with great assiduity, and to the general satisfaction of this Committee. From his Annual Report, we gather the following facts for the information of the Board.

Of the fifty students occupying rooms in the Hall, eighteen are in the Theological Seminary, twenty in the Rutgers College, and six in the Grammar School. There are only three rooms unoccupied.

The sum assessed upon students for rooms, fuel, etc., at $24 per room, is $860. Gas is furnished at the rate of $10 per annum for each room, and it is required to be used from an approved standard Argand burner, which gives a steady and uniform light. Board is furnished in the Hall at $4 per week, and the average number of boarders during this Seminary year has been twenty-three. The general health of the students has been excellent throughout the year. Their deportment is reported to have been "almost unexceptionably good; better than in any former year." The Rector also states that there has been a manifest "increase in spiritual life and Godliness." Early in the Seminary year the growing devotional spirit of the students, led to the establishment of morning prayers, in addition to the usual evening religious exercises, which have been continued to this time. The Rector says, "These seasons of devotion have been peculiarly interesting and profitable. Never have we felt such interest in the Theological Hall as in these meetings," which were held at the early dawn in the cold winter. It is hoped that they will be perpetuated year after year; and this Committee unite heartily in the wish of the Rector that, hereafter, all students for the ministry, who reside in the Hall, will attend these voluntary daily gatherings for prayer and praise. The spiritual life of such an institution will show itself there.

This Committee have failed to procure satisfactory personal testimony from those individuals whose complaints, respecting certain alleged grievances, were presented to the last General Synod through the Reverend Classis of Bergen. The names of the complainants being withheld, and deeming it unjust to proceed upon anonymous charges, the Committee have felt constrained to drop the matter for this sole reason. The correspondence upon this subject is herewith submitted for the use of the Board of Superintendents.

At the beginning of the Seminary year, a neat circular, in pamphlet form, giving full information respecting the Institution, was carefully prepared, and five hundred copies were printed for general circulation. The cost of this valuable document was generously defrayed by a single member of this Committee.

No large addition has been made to the Library during the past year. The unexpended balance of funds which have been donated for this object is safely invested, awaiting the demands which will be made upon it by the completion of the new Library Building. The present Library has been the centre of attraction to the professors, students, and visitors. Its privileges are greatly prized by the inmates of the Hall.

The Reading-Room is supplied with periodicals and newspapers, for which an appropriation of one hundred dollars has been paid by order of this Committee.

At the last meeting of the Committee, the Rector presented a complete manuscript catalogue of the Library, which he has prepared with great care. The excessive labor of preparing such a work for necessary daily use, will be appreciated only by those who know its difficulties. The Rector deserves the thanks of all who shall avail themselves of his toilsome and gratuitous service.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. H. Cornell, having resigned the office of Financial Secretary, the Committee reluctantly concurred in his request for release from the duties to which he had devoted himself, for about two years and a half, with great zeal. His labors, which have secured buildings and funds, of the aggregate value of over three hundred thousand dollars, offer sufficient evidence of his energy and success. The few months which have passed since his retirement from office, have partially developed, and

time only can show the full extent of the funds obtained, and other results of his work. The Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., was appointed to the office vacated by Dr. Cornell, subject to the approval of the Board of Direction, under authority of the General Synod.

After a brief period of service, he has been constrained, in consequence of the pressure of other labors, to offer his resignation of said office, to take effect upon the appointment of his successor. The resignation has been accepted.

The Treasurer's Report, which is hereto appended, exhibits in detail the financial condition of the Committee's work.

In addition to the income from bequests of Mrs. Hertzog and Mr. Suydam, and the receipts from students, for the maintenance of the Institution, there is an urgent need of additional endowment funds to pay the rector's salary, and the inevitable costs of managing so large a property, which includes the repairs of the four professional residences, and many smaller but necessary expenses.

The term of office for which the members of the Committee were appointed, will expire at the approaching meeting of the General Synod. But as the introduction of the lay element in the new Board of Superintendents is confessedly based upon the approved working of this Standing Committee for years past, and as the various interests committed to their care demand constant and increasing superintendence, we venture, through your Body, to request the specific action of the General Synod upon the subject. The system of internal administration, the care of the Synod's property, and the exigencies which are constantly arising, require immediate legislation in this direction.

The Standing Committee take great pleasure in acknowledging the uniform support and happy co-operation of the Board of Superintendents in all their labors during the past four years. For, whatever good they have been enabled to accomplish, their devout gratitude is due, above all, to the great Head of the Church, whose humble instruments they have been in the service of this venerable Institution. They also gladly refer to the generous friends by whose liberal gifts every improvement has been made within and without these halls of sacred learning.

Believing that upon the foundations which have been laid, the Seminary will have a larger growth; and commending its interests to those who shall succeed to our immediate responsibilities, this

Standing Committee now closes relations and its final report to your reverend Body.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. VAN ZANDT, CHAIRMAN, *Pro tem.*

WM. J. R. TAYLOR, SECRETARY.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., *May* 20, 1873.

Report of the Special Committee on the Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, adopted by the Board of Superintendents, May 21, 1873.

Your Committee have examined the Report of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Hall with much interest and satisfaction. The interests of the Seminary have evidently been closely supervised and carefully managed, and at no previous time has its financial and material prosperity been so evident and assured.

In relation to the references to the death of Mr. James Suydam, your Committee suggest the entry of the following Minute upon the records of the Board :

" The Board of Superintendents, in recording the death of James Suydam, the late Chairman of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall, while expressing their uncomplaining submission to the Divine will, would also record their deep sense of sorrow at the removal of so earnest a friend of the Theological Seminary, as of all the interests of our Church, and of Christ's whole kingdom.

" They recognize with thankfulness the guardian love of the Head of the Church, in preserving a life of such consecrated zeal to such a ripe old age, and in directing the noble plans and munificent gifts of his last days to the promotion of the welfare of this Theological School.

" They rejoice to record his name as one worthy to be held in remembrance and honor, even more enduring than the substantial and valuable edifice which will, they trust, hand down his memory to many generations."

As the rector, Rev. P. J. Quick, has gratuitously prepared a catalogue of the library, which has cost him long and patient labor, your Commitee recommend that it be—

"*Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of this Board of Superintendents be hereby tendered to him for that very acceptable service."

The term of office of the members of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Hall will expire at the approaching meeting of the General Synod. But, inasmuch as the special work for which this Committee was instituted, is not yet finished, and cannot be for some time to come,—and as its members have become familiar with the work in progress from its inception, as others who should take it up in its present stage could not be—and as the existing Committee have always managed the matters committed to them most acceptably and efficiently, there seems, to your Committee, to be not only propriety in, but almost a necessity for their re-appointment; we, therefore, recommend that it be

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Superintendents respectfully request the General Synod, in the interests of the Theological Seminary, to re-appoint the members of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Hall, to the same office for a further period of three years.

"As the Committee have invited the Board to participate in the ceremonies at the dedication of the James Suydam Hall, and at the laying of the corner-stone of the Gardner A. Sage Library, we recommend, that it be

"*Resolved*, That the President, Rev. David Cole, D.D., and Rev. Edward P. Terhune, D.D., be appointed to represent this Board at the dedication of the Hall, and the Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., at the laying of the corner-stone."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. DE BAUN,
E. A. COLLIER,
A. F. MANN.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

STANDING COMMITTEE on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, in account with GARDNER A. SAGE, *Treasurer*.

1872.			Dr.	
May	18	To amount due Treasurer, as per last report		$726 98
June	22	" payment, Rector, bills of supplies and expenses		235 85
		" " " salary to 1st inst.		250 00
		" " " Janitor's wages to 1st inst.		62 50
July	26	" " Gas bill to 1st inst.		98 24
Oct.	25	" " " " "		27 52
"	"	" " Water bill to April 1, 1873		37 50
"	28	" " Rector, salary to September 1st		250 00
"	"	" " " Janitor's wages to September 1st.		62 50
"	"	" " " bill of supplies, etc.		26 68
"	"	" " A. Whitlock, carpenter work		12 88
"	"	" " Meikle, grate for heater		1 50
1873.				
Jan.	8	" " Miles, Ross & Co., for coal		134 68
"	"	" Rector, salary to December 1st ult.		250 00
"	"	" " Janitor's wages to December 1st.		62 50
"	15	" " Gas bill to 1st inst.		137 28
"	"	" Repairs to gas service pipes		10 30
Feb.	5	" " J. Woodhall, gas fixtures		21 14
"	"	" " P. Firnan, for plumbing		12 80
"	"	" " E. Sturges, for plastering		9 87
"	28	" Stewart, Sutphen & Co., amount received from Church on the Heights, for carpets furnished in 1866		200 00
April	23	" " Gas bill to 1st inst.		156 80
"	"	" Rector, salary to March 1st		250 00
"	"	" " Janitor's wages to March 1st.		62 50
"	24	" " Water bill to October 1st		37 50
				$3,137 52

1872.		Cr.	
June	22	By receipt from Rector, collected of Students	$325 83
Oct.	25	" " " " " " "	222 00
"	"	" " " " " " (arrears)	80 93
Nov.	19	" " " J. I. Brower, Treas., General Synod, Janitor's salary and fuel	120 00
Dec.	31	" " " J. I. Brower, Treas., Gen'l Synod, 6 months interest, to May 1, 1872, on Mrs. Hertzog's bequest	361 88
"	"	" " " J. I. Brower, Treas., Gen'l Synod, 6 months interest to Nov. 1, 1872, on Mrs. Hertzog's bequest	325 00
1873.			
Jan.	6	" " " Rector, collected of Students	100 00
"	10	" " " Treas. of the Church on the Heights towards payment of bill, Stewart, Sutphen & Co,, for carpets in 1866	200 00
"	16		
"	23	" " " Rector, collected of Students	116 00
		" " " Church of Boundbrook, per. Rev. Dr. Demarest	20 00
Feb.	3		
April	24	" " " Rector, collected of Students	139 00
		" " " " " " "	167 00
			$2,177 64
		Amount due Treasurer to balance	959 88
			$3,137 52

May 20, 1873.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER A. SAGE, *Treasurer.*

Audited May 20, 1873.

A. B. VAN ZANDT, } *Auditing Committee.*
D. BISHOP,

pointed in accordance with this resolution, to investigate the charges.

The other references of the Minutes to the Board are in respect to the change in the constitution of the Board, transferring the appointment of the Members from the Classes to the Particular Synods, and incorporating the Ruling element. The Particular Synods have already acted upon this matter, and made their appointments to the Board for the succeeding four years.

The recommendation of P. 513, that the Standing Committee on Peter Kuttroy Hall, be discharged and its functions committed to the Board of Superintendents, has been carried in the report of the Special Committee on this subject, declaring it inadvisable to make the proposed change, and suggesting the continuance of the Standing Committee for three years longer.

Edward P. Ferguson, Chm.

Report of the Special Committee on the Annual Report of the Kuttroy Hall Committee.

Your Committee have examined the report of the Standing Committee on the Peter Kuttroy Hall with much interest & satisfaction. The interests of the Seminary have evidently been closely supervised, and carefully managed, and at no previous time has its financial and material prosperity been so evident and assured. In relation to the references to the death of Mr James Sydney your Committee suggest the entry of the following Minute upon the records of the Board

The Board of Superintendents

in recording the death of Mr James Ingham the late Chairman of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall, while expressing their unquestioning submission to the divine will, would also record their deep sense of sorrow at the removal of so earnest a friend of the Theological Seminary, as of all the interests of our Church, and of Christ's whole Kingdom.

They recognise with thankfulness the guardian love of the Head of the Church in preserving a life of such consecrated zeal to reach a ripe old age, and in directing the noble plans and munificent gift of his last days to the promotion of the welfare of this Theological School.

They rejoice to record his name, as one worthy to be held in remembrance & honor, even more enduring than the valuable and substantial Edifice which will, they trust hand down his memory to many generations.

As the Rector, Rev. R. J. Quick has gratuitously prepared a Catalogue of the Library, which has cost him long and patient labor, your Committee recommend that it be,

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Board of Superintendents be hereby tendered him for the very acceptable service.

The term of Office of the members of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall will expire at the approaching meeting of the General Synod. But inasmuch as the special work for which this Committee was instituted, is not yet finished, and cannot be for some time

to come, and as its members have become familiar with the work in progress from its inception, as others who should take it up in its present stage could be, - and as the existing committee have always managed the matters committed to them, most acceptably and efficiently, there seems to your committee not only propriety in, but almost a necessity for their reappointment.

We therefore recommend that it be

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents respectfully request the General Synod, in the interests of the Seminary, to reappoint the members of the Standing Committee on the Peter Wentz Hall to the same office for a further period of three years.

As the Committee have invited the Board to participate in the ceremonies at the dedication of James Renyoun Hall, & at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Gardner A. Sage Library, we recommend that it be

Resolved, That the President, Rev David Cole DD, and Rev Edward P. Terhune DD, be appointed to represent the Board at the dedication, and Rev. M. L. Hutton DD. at the laying of the Corner Stone.

All of which is respectfully submitted

J. A. De Baun
Ed. A. Collier
A. F. Mercer.

Report of the Committee on the Synodical Report

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

1873

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Kerr's Hall at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 20. at 12 o'clock M. and adjourned on Wednesday Evening at 11 o'clock.

Rev David Cole D.D. opened the meeting with prayer, and was afterward elected President of the Board, and Rev John N. Janssen was elected Clerk pro. tem.

The following members were present
See Article II.

From the report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary
See Article VI.

The Faculty state that Mr John T. McLeary left the institution to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of which he was a member.

The Faculty make this gratifying statement.

"The year has been made pleasant to us by the remarkable fidelity of the "students. They have pursued their studies with commendable diligence; their "deportment has been exemplary, and they "have manifested a sobriety and earnestness "that augur well for their future course, "when they shall have entered the ministry. "It is also a matter for thankfulness that "there has been no interruption to work, "on the part of Professor or student, prevented by sickness or any other cause."

The Classes were carefully examined by the Professors, before the Board in all

the branches of study pursued during the past year. These examinations were sustained to the high satisfaction of the Board. The result showed that the commendation bestowed upon the students in the report of the Faculty was abundantly deserved.

The Board had its high expectations met in the teachings of the new Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, as well as in the more familiar labors of his colleagues.

The examinations were sustained by the Board, and the Senior class was recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate that they may apply to their respective Classes for licensure.

The address to the students was delivered by Rev. Isaac Riley, on the Evening of the second day of the Session.

From the report of the Standing Committee on the Peter Mertz Theological Hall the Board was led to adopt the following action:

1. The interests of the Seminary have evidently been closely supervised, and carefully managed, and at no previous time has its financial and material prosperity been so evident and assured.

2. The term of office of the members of the Standing Committee on the Peter Mertz Theological Hall will expire at the approaching meeting of the General Synod

But inasmuch as the special work for which this Committee was instituted, is not yet finished, and cannot be for some time to come, and as its Members have become familiar with the work in progress from its inception, as others who should take it up in its present stage could not be, and as the existing Committee have always managed the matters committed to them most acceptably and efficiently, there seems to your Committee to be not only propriety in, but almost a necessity for their reappointment. We therefore recommend that it be

Resolved, that the Board of Superintendents respectfully request the General Synod, in the interests of the Theological Seminary, to reappoint the members of the Standing Committee in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall to the same office for a further period of three years.

3. As the Rector, Rev. P. J. Quick has gratuitously prepared a Catalogue of the Library, which has cost him long and patient labor your Committee recommend that it be

Resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Board of Superintendents be hereby tendered him for that very acceptable service.

4. The death of the late Chairman of the Standing Committee led the Board to adopt the following minute.

The Board of Superintendents in re-

ending the death of James Bryam, the late Chairman of the Standing Committee in Rutgers Theological Hall, while expressing their uncomplaining submission to the divine will, would also record their deep sense of sorrow at the removal of so earnest a friend of the Theological Seminary, as of all the interests of our church, and of Christ's whole kingdom.

They recognize with thankfulness the guardian love of the head of the Church in preserving a life of such consecrated zeal to such a ripe old age, and in directing the noble plans and munificent gifts of his last days to the promotion of the welfare of this Theological School.

They rejoice to record his name as one worthy to be held in remembrance and honor, even more enduring than the substantial and valuable edifice which with thy trust, hand down his memory to many generations.

Another bereavement has fallen upon the Board, in regard to which the following minute was adopted —

The Board of Superintendents would express its deep sense of the loss of the Rev. Martin L. Schenck, of the Classis of Ulster, and of the reason given us by our Heavenly Father in the sudden removal of our late colleague.

The appointment

recent our appreciation of our brother's service and loving nature, his Eminent in the Ministerial work, whilst we recall the faithfulness and zeal with which he discharged his duties as a member of this Board.

In contemplating the solemn dispensation by which our brother was translated from active labor on Earth to the heavenly rest, we rejoice that his work was well done up to the moment when God took him, and feel that our Master bids us be likewise watchful, looking to the End of our faith and service on Earth.

Faithfully Submitted
Philip Veltz
(Com.) S. W. Strong
M. L. Berger

Article IX.
Particularia

The hours of meeting were fixed at 9½ A. M., 2½ P.M., and 7¾ P.M. and of adjournment at 12½ P.M. and 5½ P.M.

A Committee consisting of Revs John Garten, J. A. De Baun, and A. H. Munn was appointed to confer with the Professors on the order of examinations.

The Committee recommended that the Professors conduct their examinations in the order of seniority. The report was adopted and carried out, except that Profs. De Witt and Demarest exchanged places, to enable the former to conduct his examination in the languages by

daylight.

At 3 o'clock on Tuesday the Hertzog Hall Committee appeared before the Board and presented their annual report through the Secretary Rev. Dr. J. R. Taylor D.D.

The Report was accepted and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. H. De Witt, E. G. Collier and A. Pillman.

The death of Rev. Martin L. Schenck, a member of this Board, having been announced, a committee consisting of Revs Philip Peter, Joseph Scudder, and James B. Hilton, was appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of the feeling of this Board.

The committee reported a Minute which was adopted, and ordered to be sent to his family, and to be published in the church papers.

See p. 527-528

The Hertzog Hall Committee having invited the Board to attend the dedication of James Suydam Hall, and the laying of the Corner Stone of Gardner A. Sage Library, on Thursday Morning, June 5. at 11 o'clock, either in a body or by representatives, the Board appointed the President Rev. David Cole D.D., and Rev. Edward P. Larsen D.D. to represent it at the dedication service, and Rev. Dr Hutton at the laying of the Corner Stone.

Certain charges reflecting upon the management of the Rector of Hertzog Hall

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having come to the hearing of the Board, a Committee consisting of Rev. Johnson Partridge, Elah W. Strong, and William H. Ballagh, was appointed to investigate these charges, and report to the Board.

The Committee presented a report which was accepted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Standing Committee on Bethany Hall, together with the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, the last General Synod referred the grievances complained of by the students in Bethany Hall to the Standing Committee on the Hall, and directed that all such complaints should hereafter be made directly to said committee, as the part having immediate jurisdiction, therefore

Resolved that the foregoing report be transmitted to the Standing Committee on Bethany Hall, and that said Committee be urged to make immediate, careful and strict inquiries into these complaints, and take such action as shall remove, if possible, all cause of complaint in the future.

The address to the students was delivered by Rev. Isaac Riley at 8 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday evening.

Art. X.

Resumption and Close

The minutes were read and approved, and the Board adjourned with prayer.

David Cole President
John W. Janssen Clerk pro tem

P. D. Van Cleef
State Clerk

Rules of the Board of Superintendents.

Article I. The Board shall meet annually at such time and at such place as may be directed by the Synod.

" " II. Any three members of the Board, legitimately convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

" " III. The Board shall annually elect a President and Clerk. They shall also appoint a Salaried Clerk who shall hold his office agreeably to the provisions of the General Synod of 1841. See Minutes page 515.

" " IV. In the transaction of the business the following order shall be observed.

1. Opening by prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading of the Minutes and Acts.
5. Standing Committees.
6. Communications.
7. Estimates.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Particulars.
10. Adjournment and Close.
11. Adjournment.

" " V. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board: ~~On the Reception of Students into the~~

1. On the reception of Students into the Seminary.
2. On the Professorial reports.
3. On the Synodical Report.
4. On Synodical Minutes.

" " VI. The following particulars shall be observed in the Examination.

1. The Examination shall embrace the

various subjects taught by the different Professors.

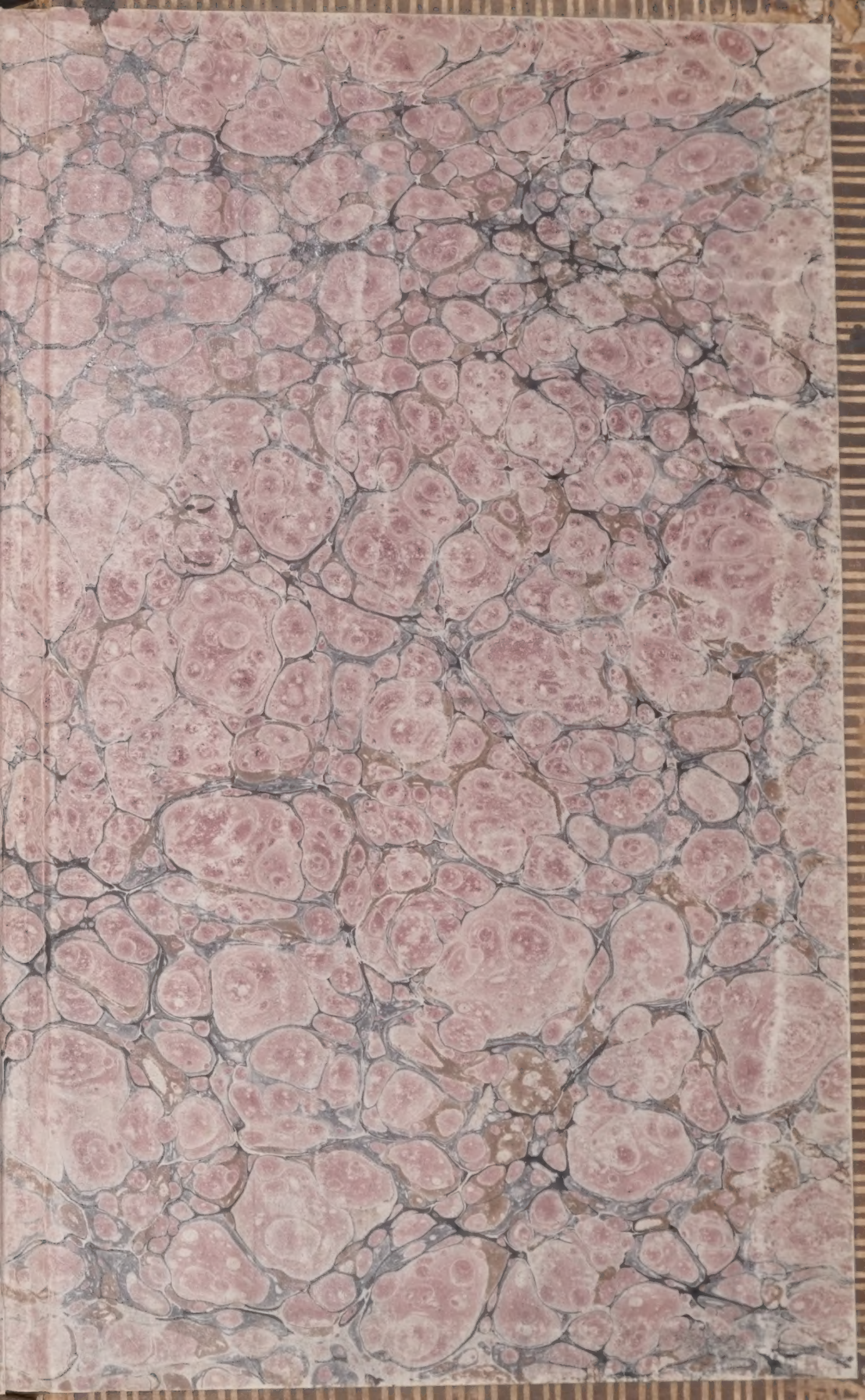
2. Each of the Professors may be requested to conduct the Examination on his own particular branch or the Board may examine in any other way that they may determine.

3. For ascertaining the Pupil talents of the Students they shall be required (except the Senior Class) to present a written sermon for the examination of the Board and those of the Senior Class shall deliver a sermon or discourse before the Board.

The rule requiring a sermon was rescinded by Synod June 1862 p. 171

VII. The Annual sermon before the Board shall be preached on the Evening of the first day of the Session by a person appointed at the previous meeting.

" " VIII. A Charge shall be delivered to the Students after the Examination by a member of the Board appointed at the preceding meeting.

" " IX. For the regulation of order in the transaction of business, the Board shall be directed by the Bye Laws of the General Synod.

X. These Laws shall be read at each meeting of the Board.